

## *Title of research study: Bay Area to Central Valley Migration and Its Impacts*

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My name is Brandon Louie and I am part of a cross-campus research team that includes the UC Davis Center for Regional Change, the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, and Occidental College, with funding from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative.

Thank you for participating in this meeting, which is one of several we will hold with community advisory committee members representing various communities and issue areas in the Central Valley. Over a three-year time period (2020 – 2023), this project will work to uncover the implications for Central Valley communities as households are priced out of the Bay Area and moving inland. With this research study, we aim to provide data and policy analyses that can inform partnerships and policy-making and strengthen leaders and stakeholders on the ground in the Central Valley.

To help us understand what is happening in the Central Valley, we are seeking guidance and support from community advisory committee members who understand firsthand how demographic changes in their communities impact migration patterns, fiscal health, and overall quality of life. If you agree to take part in this focus group discussion, you will have an opportunity to share vital insights with our team to help contextualize and guide further stages of our research project.

Guided by a team of trained facilitators, your participation will involve being interviewed as a member of a focus group for approximately 2 hours. Members of our research team will take notes during the meeting but the meeting's audio will not be recorded. You will also be asked to fill out a short, anonymous demographics survey. Additionally, following this meeting you will have the opportunity to respond to a supplemental set of survey questions if you choose.

Your participation in this research is voluntary and you will not be compensated for taking part in this study. By taking part in this meeting, you are agreeing to be part of the study. There are no known risks associated with this research. The benefit of participating in the community advisory committee and this focus group is the contribution you make to our collective understanding of the increasing ties between the Bay Area and the Central Valley and implications for impacted Central Valley communities.

You may choose not to participate and you may withdraw your consent to participate in this study at any time and you will not be penalized in any way. You can also choose not to answer any particular questions. Participants who leave after already submitting some feedback and participating in discussions will be given the option to have their input removed completely from the final collected data or maintain what they have contributed up to the point of withdrawal among the rest of the information that will be analyzed.

Your responses in today's session will be anonymized and your name will not be released publicly in association with the information you provide without your prior consent. We cannot promise complete confidentiality, though. Efforts will be made to limit use or disclosure of your personal information to people who have a need to review this information. Organizations that may inspect and copy your information include the IRB and other University of California representatives responsible for the management or oversight of this study, as well as our research team partners at USC and Occidental.

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## Permission to Take Part in a Human Research Study

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If you have further questions about this project or if you have a research-related problem, you may contact Sarina Rodriguez, UC Davis Center for Regional Change Community Engagement Research Specialist, at [sverodriguez@ucdavis.edu](mailto:sverodriguez@ucdavis.edu). If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant you may contact the University of California, Davis Institutional Review Board (IRB) at (916) 703-9158 or [hs-irbeducation@ucdavis.edu](mailto:hs-irbeducation@ucdavis.edu).

If you agree to take part in this study, you will be given a copy of this document. Before we get started, what questions do you have?

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