

Residents of the District six communities are invited to participate in a study regarding abandoned buildings. The purpose of this research is to investigate how members of the community work with local governments to address policies regarding these structures. At the end of the research, the findings will be presented in a community forum that lays a foundation for community members and government representatives to work together for future progress.

This study is a part of the researcher's doctoral education program it will be conducted by Jennifer Hamburger, and it will be set up as follows:

- Residents who currently live in the community are invited to participate in individual interviews and two focus groups.
- Participants will be given a copy of the local ordinance that pertains to abandoned buildings, for review.
- The interviews are expected to last approximately one hour.
- The focus group is expected to last approximately 1.5 hrs.
- A second focus group will be scheduled after data collection to ensure the accuracy of the content, and it should last approximately 30-45 minutes.
- You will NOT be asked to give any identifiable information, and your answers will remain confidential.
- The interviews will be conducted first, and after the data is analyzed, the focus group will be held. A second focus group will be conducted to ensure the accuracy of information.
- Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, these sessions will be held through teleconference, using your smartphone, iPad or computer, when this changes, the location of the interviews and focus groups will be conducted at a public facility closest to the community. This will be disclosed at the time of the participant's contact.
- The final portion of the study involves a community forum in which the focus group made up of current residents, and the focus group made up of non-resident members will be invited to come together to hear the findings of the research project.

You may contact Ms. Hamburger, the researcher, at 205-756-1526 or email [jhamburger1@capellauniversity.edu](mailto:jhamburger1@capellauniversity.edu) if you have any questions and wish to participate in this study.