

PARTICIPANT CONSENT SCRIPT

Public Sector Unions in King County

You are invited to contribute to a Senior Thesis Study conducted by Elliot Levin, a student at Reed College in Portland, Oregon. Through this study I hope to learn about variation in union structure and behavior in the public sector of King County. Your personal experience with collective bargaining and your perception of the structure of organization will be a valuable asset to this study.

Your participation involves an interview with the investigator, which will take approximately 60 minutes. The interview will be open-ended, but may include questions such as: how are officers selected, what the relationship your organization maintains with the county is like, and how you maintain contact with your members and their goals.

With your permission, I will tape record this interview. The interview will be transcribed into a secure computer file to which only I have access. After transcription, the tapes will be erased. Your participation in this study will be entirely confidential. In all written documents to which your interview contributes, your name will never be used. In addition, I will not use any descriptors by which you could be individually identified. However, if you agree to this, I might quote your exact words in my thesis, without any identifying information, and I might recontact you to request permission to use specified direct quotes.

All aspects of your participation in this study are voluntary. You may refuse to answer any question at any time. You may terminate the interview altogether at any time. And at any time before the end of the interview, you may request that I erase all or part of your previously recorded answers. You may also recontact me to withdraw all or part of your interview.

I will be glad to answer any questions about my study. I can be contacted at the address below. Concerns about any aspect of this study may also be referred to Professor Dell Rhodes, Chair of the Reed College Human Subjects Research Committee, 503-517-7400, dell.rhodes@reed.edu or to my thesis advisor, Michael Reay, (michael.Reay@reed.edu).

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