

Sample Interview Questions and Goals

The goals of the interviews are to gather insight as to what changes participants have experienced in their community/kinship networks as they are forced to find different/new ways to consistently access groceries. In my interviews, I want to ask questions that will allow for participants to describe their thoughts and opinions about the changes they have noticed, as well as questions that may reveal changes in these social networks that participants are not fully conscious of themselves.

International District Residents Interview Questions:

- How often did you shop at the Walmart on San Mateo and Central for food prior to its closure?
- Are you able to go grocery shopping on your own now that the Walmart is closed, and if so, how has that experience changed from your time shopping at Walmart?
- What were the main reasons you shopped at that Walmart location?
- Do you have family/friends in the Albuquerque area who have helped supplement your food needs in the past, and if so, in what ways?
- Have you similarly supported your family's/friends' food needs?
- How do family/friends help you access groceries now that you cannot access the Walmart?
- What changes have you noticed in your relationships to these family members/friends because of this assistance?
- Do you feel as though you need to provide them with some form of repayment, or as though you owe them for their help?
- Prior to the Walmart's closure, did you ever visit or receive food from a community organization? If so, what was that experience like for you, and have you continued to utilize their resources?
- Since the closure, have you reached out, or considered doing so, to a community organization to get food assistance? If you have not, what, if anything, has prevented you from doing so, and what do you think might make it easier to do so?
- Do you think that other community members who've been impacted by the Walmart's closure know about/utilize these resources?
- Do you think that these community organizations can/should be doing more to support those in need of assistance?

International District Residents' Kin Sample Interview Questions:

- How long have you been supporting the resident's food needs?
- How often are you able to provide food assistance to the resident?
- What does that food assistance look like? What are the types of food you are providing them with?
- How long do you expect you will be helping the resident in this way?
- Has the resident, or other family/friends, supported you in a similar way?
- Do you feel as though this aid is placing a financial burden on you? If so, why do you feel compelled to offer your support?
- How do you feel your relationship to the resident has changed since you've begun supporting them in this way?
- Do you feel as though the resident needs to repay you in any way? If yes, in what ways?

- Are you willing or able to continue offering your support to the resident indefinitely?
- Do you feel that the resident should be reaching out to other resources to supplement their food needs? If yes, what other resources?
- Do you think that community organizations can/should be doing more to support those in need of assistance, and to remove burdens placed on those like yourself to support residents?

Community Organization Workers/Volunteers Sample Interview Questions:

- What changes have you noticed in the community's involvement in your organization since the closure of the Walmart?
- How has your organization worked to reach out to community members who do not know about or are hesitant to utilize your resources?
- If you've noticed an increase in community members who use your resources, do you feel that your organization is able to sustain such an increase for an extended period of time?
- How does your organization access the resources it provides to residents?
- What can International District residents do to support your organization? What about Albuquerque residents as a whole?
- Has the city/state government worked to support the efforts of organizations like yours in aiding residents?
- What do you wish the city/state would do to help your organization? To help residents?
- What do you wish International District Residents knew about your organization?