Interview guide objectives: This interview guide is for people who we think might be community experts at avoiding gun violence. Objectives are to identify [hidden/unexpected] assets in the community, which have lessened or mitigated the impact of gun violence.

Intro: Thank you so much for talking with me today. As you know, we’re interested in learning how community members can work together to lessen the impacts of gun violence. The goal of this work is to find ways that community members could lead (as opposed to city leaders or police) to lessen the impact of gun violence in our community. We are talking to you because you live on a [street/block] where there hasn’t been in recent years a shooting, even though lots of streets near you have had a shooting. So, I have a few questions for you.

Everything you tell me will be kept confidential and will not be linked to you in any way. Of course, if you have any questions for me as we go through, if anything is unclear, or if you would prefer to skip a question, please don’t hesitate to stop me at any point. If it’s alright with you, I would like to record our conversation so I can better remember all the important information you tell me. The recording won’t be shared with anyone else and won’t be linked to you. But it will help me stay engaged in our conversation instead of trying to write everything down. If you’d like me to stop the recording at any time please just say so.

Any questions before we begin?

Individual Sociodemographic Factors

To start, I’m going to ask you a little bit about yourself.

1. How old are you?
2. What is the highest level of school or degree you have completed?
3. Are you currently enrolled in school?
4. Where is your high school located?
   4a. If attend/attended trade school or college: Where is your trade school/college located?
5. Where were you born?
   5a. Did you grow up in a place that is different from where you were born?
   5b. If yes: where?
6. How long have you lived in this neighborhood?
   6a. Are you the owner of the home you live in? [If NO, go to question 6b]
   6b. Do you rent?
7. Where else have you lived?
8. How many times have you moved in the last five years?
   8a. If yes: Where did you most recently move from?
   8b. If yes: Can you tell each different place you have lived in the last five years?
   8c. If moved from another place in New Haven: Why did you move?

The next group of questions are about your family and living arrangements.

9. Are you married?
   9a. If no: are you in a long-term relationship? [if NO-skip to question 10]
   9b. If yes, how long have you been in this relationship?

10. Do you have any children? [If NO-skip to question 12]
   11a. If yes, how many?
   11b. What are their ages?
   11c. Do they live with you?
   11d. Do you pay child support?
   11e. How often do you see your children?

12. Who [else] do you live with?

13. Are you a caregiver for anybody else? For example, do you help to take care of a parent or grandparent?

The last group of questions are about work.

14. Are you currently working?
   If yes:
   14a. Can you tell me a little bit about your job?
   14b. Is this job part time or full time?
   14c. How long have you been at your current job?
   If no:
   14d. How long have you been out of work?

**Narrative Questions Related to Gun Violence and Victimization**

Now I’d like to switch gears and talk to you about gun violence in New Haven. As I said before the objective of this study is to identify strategies that might work for community members to lessen the impacts of gun violence. You live on a block/street where there hasn’t been in recent years a shooting, even though lots of streets near you have had a shooting.
1. What distinguishes your block from other blocks nearby which have had shootings recently? Do you think there are any specific reasons why there hasn’t been a shooting on your block/street?
2. Why do you think some folks get involved in gun violence? [Why do you think some places are at higher risk of having a shooting?]
3. Can you provide specific examples of how you and your neighbors have worked to reduce gun violence on your block/street?
   a. Are there specific people on your block/street who you feel are instrumental to keeping this block/street safe? Can you tell me about them?
   b. Are there specific organizations you think are instrumental to keeping this block/street safe? (school, church, sports, arts/music, clubs, YMCA, health centers) Can you tell me about them?
   c. Are there specific activities you think are instrumental to keeping this block/street safe? Can you tell me about them?
4. What do people on your block do when there is a nearby shooting?

END RECORDING
Now I’m going to turn the audio recorder off because this is the end of the questions that have open-ended answers. But, I have a few more quick survey questions to get more information about you, your friends, your neighborhood, and organizations that you may use. I can read the questions to you or you can read them on your own and select answers on this iPad. Do you have a preference?

**Gun Violence Exposure Questions**

The next set of questions is about your experience with gun violence.

1. Have any of your family members been hurt by gun violence?
2. Have any of your close friends been hurt by gun violence
3. Have you ever seen or been present when someone was shot?
4. Did you know the person or people who got shot? What was your relationship to this person?
5. Have you been shot (or shot at) before?
6. Has there been a shooting in your neighborhood/block?
7. Have you ever carried a gun on your person outside your house?

**Views of Institutions/Legitimacy**

The next set of questions are related to how you feel about law enforcement and institutions such as the police.
As I read the following statements, please tell me how much you agree or disagree.

1. How about “I feel that I should accept the decisions made by legal authorities?”
   - Agree strongly
   - Agree somewhat
   - Disagree somewhat
   - Disagree strongly
   - Don’t know
   - Refused

2. How about, “People should obey the law even if it goes against what they think is right”
   - Agree strongly
   - Agree somewhat
   - Disagree somewhat
   - Disagree strongly
   - Don’t know
   - Refused

3. “People in power use the law to try and control people like me”
   - Agree strongly
   - Agree somewhat
   - Disagree somewhat
   - Disagree strongly
   - Don’t know
   - Refused

Our next questions are about the police in New Haven

On a scale from 0 to 10, how would you rate the police? The higher the number the warmer or more favorable you feel toward the police. The lower the number, the colder or less favorable you feel. If you feel neither warm nor cold, rate them a 5.

4. On a scale from 0 to 10, how would you rate the police in the city?
5. On a scale from 0 to 10, how would you rate the police in your neighborhood
6. Is there a difference?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don’t Know
   - Refused

7. If yes, in what ways?

As I read each of the following statements, please tell me how much you agree or disagree.
8. How about, “Most police in my neighborhood are dishonest”
   - Agree strongly
   - Agree somewhat
   - Disagree somewhat
   - Disagree strongly
   - Don’t know
   - Refused

9. “Most police in my neighborhood treat some people better than others”
   - Agree strongly
   - Agree somewhat
   - Disagree somewhat
   - Disagree strongly
   - Don’t know
   - Refused

10. “Most police in my neighborhood do their job well”
    - Agree strongly
    - Agree somewhat
    - Disagree somewhat
    - Disagree strongly
    - Don’t know
    - Refused

11. “Most police in my neighborhood treat people with respect”
    - Agree strongly
    - Agree somewhat
    - Disagree somewhat
    - Disagree strongly
    - Don’t know
    - Refused

**Civic Engagement**

Now I am going to ask you some questions about involvement in your community.

1. In the past year, how often have you attended a meeting for a local board, council, or organization that deals with any community problems? Would you say (Never/Once/2-3 times/About once a month/More than once a month)
2. In the past year, have you served in a voluntary capacity on any local board, council, or organization that deals with community problems? (Yes/No)
   2a. If yes: Has the issue of gunshot violence been discussed by the board/council/organization in the past year?
3. In the past year, have you gotten together informally with or worked with others in your community or neighborhood to try to deal with some community issues or problems? (Yes/No)
4. How important do you consider voting to be? Would you say (Very important/Somewhat important/Not very important)

**Neighborhood Perceptions of Safety**

1. For each of these statements, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree:
   - This is a close knit neighborhood
   - People around here are willing to help their neighbors
   - People in this neighborhood do not share the same values
   - People in this neighborhood can be trusted
   - I feel safe in this neighborhood