



**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY
ON TECH-ENHANCED DELIBERATIVE ASSEMBLIES**

You have been asked to participate in a research study conducted by the MIT Center for Constructive Communication (CCC) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to increase the quality, transparency, and trust of deliberative assemblies. Our goal is to use AI-assisted tools developed at MIT CCC to support the deliberation process during the 2024 Deschutes County Civic Assembly on Youth Homelessness as well as understand the evolution of the ideas and perspectives that will lead to the formation of the final recommendations of the assembly members.

Please read the information below, and ask questions about anything you do not understand, before deciding whether or not to participate.

- We will record the conversations during small group deliberations and plenary sessions for further analysis asking your permission to do so. If you do grant permission for these sessions to be recorded, you have the right to revoke recording permission at any time.
- The only people who will know that you are a research participant are members of the research team. No information about you, or provided by you during the research will be disclosed to others without your written permission unless otherwise specified in this consent form.
- Unless you give us permission to use your name, title, and/or quote you in any publications that may result from this research, the information you tell us will be confidential. When results of the research are published or discussed in conferences, data may include aggregated, de-identified analyses of participant dynamics, emotions, and linguistic cues as well as thematic qualitative summaries of the conversation topics.
- The recordings will be stored on a secured conversation platform. Survey results will be stored in a secure Google Workspace. Only members of the research team which might include outside collaborators not affiliated with MIT will have access to these recordings and survey results.
- If audio recordings need to be published, discussed in conferences, or used for educational or publicity purposes, we will seek your consent before doing so. You have the right to review the recordings at any time before the completion of this study. When your participation is complete and data analysis has concluded, the research team's ability to honor your request to review recordings is limited. All such requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The research team will delete any audio recordings upon your request if it is feasible and permitted by applicable regulations.
- Traditionally collected personal identifiable information about you such as your name, email, or phone number, if shared, will be removed before storing, using, or distributing for future research.
- Audio recordings from this study will be retained indefinitely. You have the right to withdraw your data from the study at any time. To do so, please contact Marina Rakhilin (mrna@mit.edu), Program Manager at the MIT Center for Constructive Communication. If you withdraw from the study, no new information will be collected about you or from you by the study team. If you have any questions about the study, please contact Dr. Dimitra Dimitrakopoulou (dimitrad@mit.edu), Head of Translational Research at the MIT Center for Constructive Communication and Principal Investigator for this project.
- You are not waiving any legal claims, rights, or remedies because of your participation in this research study. If you feel you have been treated unfairly, or you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, you may contact the Chairman of the Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects, M.I.T., Room E25-143B, 77 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139, phone 1-617-253 6787.

SIGNATURE OF RESEARCH PARTICIPANT

I have read (or someone has read to me) the information provided above. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I have been given a copy of this form.

BY SIGNING THIS FORM, I WILLINGLY AGREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESEARCH IT DESCRIBES.

Name of Participant	Signature	Date
