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DATE: _____ State_____ City: _____

National Homeless People's Civil Rights Campaign Survey Instrument

Introduction: My name is _____and I'm with_____. We are working with over a dozen community organizations around the country to try to link different homeless communities together to address the civil and human rights violations that occur all over the country on a daily basis. We are conducting a survey to help us set our priorities. The survey lasts about eight minutes. Would you be willing to participate?

1a) Have police harassed you or have you seen them harass other people:

	harassed	cited	arrested		harassed	cited	arrested		harassed	cited	arrested
sleeping				sitting or lying down				panhandling			
receiving free food				loitering or hanging out				sleeping in a vehicle			
having a dog				jaywalking				appearing "homeless"			
other				explain:							

***** Interviewer: For each area where the interviewee indicates having been harassed, follow up to see if they have been cited or arrested, as well.**

2) To your knowledge, which laws do police use against homeless people most frequently?

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3) Have you been arrested on a bench warrant that you got because you were homeless?

Yes No Don't know

4) Have you ever seen or encountered private security guards hassling people, ordering people away, or otherwise policing public sidewalks or parks?

Yes No Don't know

5) Do police hassle you without using the law?

Yes No Don't know

6) Have you ever had your belongings lost, stolen or confiscated by _____Police, _____Private Security or others _____ (who?) What was taken?

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6a) If yes, did you get them back?

Yes No

6b) If yes, how did you get them back?

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7) Do you know of/have access to any advocacy group/legal non-profit /etc. than can help you with tickets/arrests or citation?

Yes No

8) Do you think that you have been ticketed because of your race_____, disability_____, gender_____, or economic status_____? (Check all that apply)

8a) Do you think that you have been arrested because of your race_____, disability_____, gender_____, or economic status_____? (Check all that apply)

9) Do you know your rights when being stopped by the police?

Yes No Don't know

9a) Do you know your rights when being stopped by a security guard/city employee in a public area?

Yes No Don't know

9b) If you assert your rights when dealing with police/security guard/city employee, do you find that police respect your rights?

Always Usually Rarely Never

10) Have you ever had a case heard in court about tickets/citations/arrests?

Yes No

10a) What was the outcome of your case? (For example: jail, fine, social services plan, community service, stay-away order_____

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11) Have you ever tried to get a shelter bed in the area?

Yes No

11a) How often were you able to get a bed?

Always Usually Rarely Never

12) Do you know of places where it is safe and legal for you to sleep outside?

Yes No

13) Do you have adequate access to hygiene in your community?

___Drinking fountains/drinkable water_____ bathroom/showers _____laundry _____hygiene products

___No access

14) Considering the topics we've discussed in the past few minutes, what do you think are the worst issues with violations of homeless people's civil and human rights in our community?

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**** When this from is completed please send it to us at WRAP. We will send you your local results and the national as well.***