Inequality and Democracy Research Fellowship Program

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Title of research project: Love Letter to Skid Row

Scope of research:
LA CAN is currently in the process of data cleaning and analysis of its 2020 Women’s Needs Assessment. A mixed-method study conducted every three years in Skid Row. The primary objective of the study is to identify the most pressing issues confronting women and creating an organizing schedule and plan based on study recommendations. The student will assist in further investigation of “top line” issues; help prepare materials for public and political consumption; coordinate and plan focus groups; research potential legal and legislative fixes for highlighted issues; and, assist in developing a social media campaign to expand the social bandwidth and reach needed to disrupt the crisis for women facing homelessness.

Location of research and other activities:
The research fellow will work at the LA CAN office and attend weekly meetings of the Downtown Women’s Action Coalition. The research will be conducted in Skid Row.

Research methods to be used:
Focus groups; quantitative survey development and analysis; key informant interviews; and, SPSS and Qualtrix are tasks, methods, and tools that will be used by the research fellow.

Deliverables:
The final product is yet to be determined as LA CAN is currently attempting to hone in on the problems highlighted by women in the 2020 assessment. At a minimum, there will be an expectation of a white paper or similar document.

Qualities of the research fellow:
Looking for someone open to learning and teaching in an immersive setting. Must have some background in research, mapping, social media deployment, and related areas. Strong written and communication skills and ready to hit the ground running.