Project: Voices of Excelsior- an oral history of the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Downtown Businesses

Purpose
You are being asked to participate in an oral history project for the EXCELSIOR-LAKE MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (ELMHS). The purpose of this study is to preserve oral memory of businesses in the Excelsior downtown area. The oral histories that are collected will be stored in the Archives at the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society for various uses such as research, exhibits, web content and more. The outcome of this study will create a richer historical layer of businesses in the Excelsior area and experiences individuals had related to those businesses of the past.

Sponsor
This study is not sponsored by any funding agencies.

Participants
You are being asked to participate because you are a member of the Excelsior Lake-Minnetonka Community or have been in the past.

Procedures
If you choose to participate, you will be asked to view photos of businesses from the Excelsior Historic District. If you find a photo or series of photos that spark memories, you will be asked if you wish to record those memories. If you wish to allow the recording of those memories, you will be notified when the recording device is turned on and you can signal when to turn off the recording when you finish sharing a memory. Reviewing the archival photos and the recording of your memories will most likely not take more than 10 minutes to complete, but you may continue sharing memories longer if you wish.

Risks
There are no known risks or discomforts associated with this study.

Benefits
There are no financial benefits to you as a participant in this study. However, we hope you understand that you have further enriched the historical documentation of the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka community with the recording of your memories.

Confidentiality
Only your name and your responses will be available to the public through our archives. Your contact information will be kept confidential. Only the investigators will have access to your contact information. Your contact information will be protected to the extent allowed by law. This means that it will be treated as confidential,
unless you disclose information that is construed as threatening to yourself/others, or as indicative of abuse of minors/vulnerable adults.

**Costs/Compensation**
There will be no cost to you nor will you be compensated for participating in this study.

**Right to Refuse or Withdraw**
You may refuse to participate or withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. In order to terminate your participation at any point during the study, you simply need to ask the interviewer to turn off the recorder and walk out.

**Questions**
If you have any questions, please contact Christian Belz, at cwbelz@gmail.com. You may report (anonymously, if you so choose) any complaints or comments regarding the manner in which this study is being conducted to the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society Executive Director, Rachel Houck via email at Director@elmhs.org or by addressing a letter to the President of the Board, Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society, P.O. Box 305, Excelsior, MN 55331.

**Closing Statement**
My participation in the survey indicates that I have decided to volunteer as a research participant and that I have read, I understand, and I have received a copy of this consent form.

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Participant Signature  Date

(This section is to be filled out by the ELMHS representative conducting the interview)

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