70% of those surveyed identified as Black.
50% of those surveyed identified as Latino/x/a
30% of those surveyed reported having been stopped for Fare Evasion.
70% of those surveyed reported having had or currently engage in sex work.
100% of those surveyed reported experiences around street harassment.
40% of those surveyed reported experiences around street harassment, took place on DC Government Property or on Metro.

ALL OF THOSE SURVEYED IDENTIFIED AS BEING A TRANS WOMAN OR TRANS FEMME.
In a year with the highest recorded number of trans people murdered, No Justice No Pride (NJNP) recognized the continued marginalization that leads to anti-trans violence — particularly violence against trans women of color (TWOC) — and launched a Campaign with a Public Statement on violence against TWOC in DC, a Call-In Day for Justice to the Metropolitan Police Department, a Rally and March, and a Petition that’s gained more than 1,000 local signatures supporting our fight against transmisogyny as we work to help protect and support trans people in the District of Columbia, home to the largest recorded per capita population of trans individuals in the U.S.

NJNP has since joined coalitions that are helping us make key parts of our vision of Trans Justice a reality, and we are currently playing a critical role organizing District-wide outreach, public education, and canvassing to build support for City Council bills that if passed would make life safer for many trans individuals. As part of this project, we launched and just finished Phase 1 of a Community Storytelling Project with 20 stories collected through surveys and small storytelling events led by directly-impacted trans community members around experiences related to Fare Evasion, Street & Public Harassment, Sex Work, Wellness, Housing, and Community Safety, as well as suggestions on how the District of Columbia can better protect its trans community members from anti-trans violence.

LOCATIONS OF THE RECORDED EXPERIENCES...

THE REEVES CENTER.  PARK RD NW.  GEORGIA AVE NW.  EL REY (RESTAURANT).  K ST NE.
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.  DC SUPERIOR COURT.

RECORDED EXPERIENCES ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION...

GALLERY PLACE STATION.  ADDISON ROAD.  ANACOSTIA STATION.  X2.  P12.
SHADY GROVE STATION.  COLUMBIA HEIGHTS STATION.
WHEN ASKED ON EXPERIENCES AROUND SEX WORK...

Since the shutdown[FOSTA/SESTA] it’s been hard making money to care for myself. With backpage & craigslist making 500$ a night. Without apps 300$ a night. Working since 17 years old [3 years experiences in sex work], it would be better if the council decriminalize sex work.”

One of the worst thing that has happen to this young lady is having to sale my body to SURVIVE. The only way to provide for myself was my BODY & PERSONAL ADS ON CRAIGSLIST + BACKPAGE [as a sex worker]. USING THOSE SITES TO HAVE MONEY WAS MORE THEN JUST FOR MONEY IT WAS [MY] ONLY SURVIVAL SUPPORT SYSTEM.”

...[I] Used craigslist to keep up with my personal appearance and hygiene. [I] made 300$ per two nights [150 a night] when craigslist officially got shut down [I] made no more than 40$-50$ a day”

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST CONCERN REGARDING YOUR EXPERIENCES PARTICIPATING IN SEX WORK?

“the safety of the trans girls”

“I have been surviving off of backpage & craigslist, once the shut down[the passage of FOSTA & SESTA] came into play I had no other option but k street. I am paranoid all the time while on k due to jump outs[Police stopping and frisking people getting out of cars] and I fear that I’ll get arrested for trying to live.”

"Rape or other form of physical abuse"

"Being arrested or harmed "

"someone can possibly kill me or snatch me up. or take me to a place i never been before"

HOW DO YOU THINK YOUR ABILITY TO KEEP YOURSELF SAFE WHILE ENGAGING IN SEX WORK WOULD CHANGE IF SEX WORK WERE DECRIMINALIZED?

“It will be better.”

“It would be more understanding to law enforcement to see the issue & not [just] the sex work.”

“I could report abuse without fear of facing consequences for deciding what I do with my body.”

“I would be able to work where I want, [and] I would feel more comfortable accessing medical services if i’m harmed.”

“I would feel free and feel so liberated.”
WHEN ASKED ON EXPERIENCES AROUND INTERACTING WITH POLICE...

“...The officer asked if he could feel my chest, when I refused he said how do I know this isn’t a fake ID? [She has a f marker on her ID] What were you born as? are you a man or a woman? He later slammed my head against a car causing my lip to bleed because I didn’t want him, I wanted a woman to search me and wouldn’t spread my legs..."

I didn’t have my ID. I was instructed by two different event organizers for two different events that I wouldn’t need an ID, yet each time security stopped me, misgendered me, continuing calling me sir, as I continued to correct them in both situations the security guard became more angry and aggressive. In the first incident I was called it and the police were called. In the second, I was threatened with the police called.”

I had pulled over on 5th and K ST NE to pick up some friends, the nose of the car was just past the sign that indicated where the space was. Bike cops surrounded my car for 45 minutes. Gave me a ticket for not being in a parking spot, said they see me standing on the corner all the time and have warned me before then threatened to have the car impounded and kept asking if I was white or spanish..."
When asked on experiences around street harassment...

"The [security guard] repeatedly and viciously misgendered me after numerous polite requests that she respect my pronouns. She then threatened to call the cops on my friend and myself"

"I was at the courthouse & trying to focus on getting my nephew some help and this RANDOM Guy came up to me and said 'you gone let me f—k?' 'come on come to the bathroom & let me f—k the s—t out of you"

"I was waiting for [my] food and was approached by a man. Once informed of [my] identity the man told [me] to get away. Then On K st, someone pulled up and shouted 'that's a man!'

"I was forcibly removed from the "women's" bathroom by a cis male bouncer"

"A man started following me and he kept asking me to come here. I said no then after him following me a block [to get him to go away] I told him I was transgender."
WHEN ASKED ON EXPERIENCES SURROUNDING BASIC ACCESS TO NEEDS... (BASIC CITY SERVICES, HOUSING, HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS, LANGUAGE ACCESS, ETC.)

“When I saw the DC Judge to have my name and gender change, she denied it because I didn't give the Chief of Police enough notice. Then she called me a he-she. When I finally was granted the change, I was denied numerous times trying to change it at the DMV for not having enough documentation. While I was finally given a new ID, the last time I went (the 5th time) I had no more documentation when I went on attempt number 4 when the teller told me 'what you do is between you and your god'. Two years later with the same ID I attempted to get a marriage license and was subject to a lot of extra unnecessary questions from the Clerk in the DC Marriage Bureau, especially in regards to my DC One License. Regardless of how I answered these subjective questions he wrote on the marriage certificate that it was two men. When I asked for it to be changed the clerk refused and I complained and asked for the supervisor. He told the supervisor that he doesn't understand the issue that I'm having and that its two men getting married but [I] had wanted it to list me as a woman' the supervisor came looked at my ID and looked at me and asked a couple more subjective questions before telling the clerk to change it. When my husband went back to get the certificate (I had stayed in the car wanting to avoid trouble) the same clerk refused to see him and my husband had to wait over 30 minutes for the other clerk to come back from lunch."

"Despite having gone through changing my gender on all my legal documentation, when I went to renew my ID the DMV clerk told me I need to get all new paperwork. The supervisor had to come and help me"

DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN ANY HOUSING PROGRAMS?

- "No."
- "no because the process is slow & its not guarantee"
- "No."
- "No. There is alot of barriers and restrictions that make it harder."

DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE ACCESS TO MEDICAL OR MENTAL HEALTHCARE THAT MEETS ALL OF YOUR HEALTHCARE NEEDS?

- "No. I've been trying to find a trans competent therapist. There are some in D.C. but many have no capacity to take on new patients. Getting dental care and maintaining consistent insurance has been difficult. In the process of becoming insured now but last insurance didn't cover the full costs of my hormones. In the past, when I needed emergency services I was dead named and misgendered (my name and gender has legally been changed.) This makes it more difficult to seek care in the event of emergencies."
- 4 out of 6 people responded "No" and 1 out of 6 person responded with just yes.
HOW COULD PHYSICAL HEALTHCARE BE MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR YOU?

- "Lack of access to mental healthcare leads to physical health crises that can not be resolved with a pill. Finally (after months without) have medicaid now, so that's nice..."

- "Having some standard around respect for trans people, for employees who work with patients."

- "...they can be more accessible if they came to me."

HOW COULD MENTAL HEALTHCARE BE MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO YOU?

- "transportation & phone problems"

- There are seemingly no trans/gnc/non-binary therapists in the area with availability or network coverage... Ever.

- "More trans competent therapists, greater protections for mental health conditions with insurance providers. The eradication of poverty. Video therapists that we can call in distress. Drop in clinics where people can get emergency scripts for expired mental health medications.

- "Healthcare in general: City incentives, grants, housing subsidies, etc to trans people but trans women of color in particular, to go to school and enter the medical field."

WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO TELL CITY COUNCIL ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND YOUR EXPERIENCES IN GENERAL?

"This is a voice coming from real lives especially our transgender community. What if your mother, Daughter, aunt, or grandmother Was Apart Of Any Of these percentages. Put yourself in someone shoes for a change. how would you deal with Having to sell your body to eat, Have Somewhere To Sleep Just simply Provide Everything You Have Now. Then to turn around to get harassed for being YOU. The unbounded freedom that comes from standing firmly on your own path the Freedom To Be Who You Are. We will Get Justice or there Will Be No Peace."
WHAT WOULD YOU WANT TO TELL CITY COUNCIL ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND YOUR EXPERIENCES IN GENERAL? (CONTINUED.)

“I would want to tell city council that sometimes on the street i feel unsafe because who i am and what i represent as a person first then transgender second. The project it so excellent and also makes transgender really matter and proving that us as a community has a voice. My experience was very eventful and very careful. My experience in reading the survey’s i read was basically my whole life in one survey. You have many surveys that people to ask certain questions but you don’t have one about how our community is really getting affected. The question i ask myself is what the council is doing right? they are not making sure that the trans people are safe we need more people helping us and more laws surrounding the trans community. They also need to have the trans cop out normally and sex work should just be decriminalized and it just be legal because sex work some people ever know sex work is some people only income and more people should support us girls to go because it two stigmas one trans then we are are colors and different points of town”

“For past 2 weeks I have been working on this survey that questions the ( LGBTQ) community on common issues such as street harassment, sex work, fare evasion, and housing and by the way look of the results our city council as a whole could do better for the community. As far as the (T) in the lgbtq trans women and trans men experience the most traumatic encounters in all of these situations. For example one of the clients had been surviving off of backpage & craigslist once the shut down came into play she had no other option but k street. She'd be paroled all the time while on k do to jump outs and she fears that she'll get arrested for trying to live. 52% of lgbtq youth are homeless due to loss of family or loss of family acceptance but either or no or they have nobody deserves to be homeless. We need to find a safe space for the lgbtq community to be able to attend to avoid street harassment. Lastly, we need to find a system where all people can ride metro for free for a certain amount of the time or start unlimited smarttrip cards so nobody will be affected by fare evasion again.”
SHARE YOUR STORY!

No Justice No Pride is engaged in work to support multiple pieces of local legislation to decriminalize Fare Evasion and sex work along with finding solutions to those most on the margins within the 2SLGBTQ+ Community.

We are also interested in learning about how to improve services related to housing, general wellness of the community, and issues It’s important that we amplify different experiences with these issues to our elected leaders and other constituents so that they can better understand the direct impacts of this legislation, and ensure that their decisions reflect the needs of those they would affect. We will cover the following topics in this survey: Fare evasion; street harassment; sex work experiences; housing; wellness; language access; and immigration-related services.

Go to tgnc.nojusticenopride.org/story share your story and receive updates about opportunities to share your story publicly with elected leaders.

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To find out more, or to support the work please go to tgnc.nojusticenopride.org