**IRB Synopsis of Proposal**

**Title: Barriers to the Access of Natural Disaster Risk Information by Undocumented Immigrants**

1. The subjects are undocumented immigrants that have been in the Houston-Galveston area for at least two or more years. I am not looking for a specific age and gender. Subjects may be females or males over 21 to participate in this study. The number of subjects desirable is 100. The reason why the study will be conducted on undocumented immigrants vs immigrants with a legal status in the United States are to identified if their legal status influenced the risk and vulnerability to Natural Disaster as well as to the way that the information is provide to them.
2. The surveys will be conducted on a snowball sample by going to several apartment complexes in the Galveston area, and at a couple of flea markets at the Houston area. The interviewer will read the consent form in Spanish, and the survey will be conducted in Spanish. A signed consent will not be required to participate since they may be considering a population at high risk.
3. The methodology use will be as follow:

The participants will be approach at their residency or at the flea market and they will be asked if they would like to participate in a voluntary survey for a master research. I will introduce myself as a Texas State Master Student. If they agree I will read the consent form to them, and proceed with the questions. The survey will be applied more as an informal conversation, where I will put special attention to the key questions.

1. This study does not represent any potential risk for the individuals. Personal information such a Name or contact information will not be asked. Their residency will not be link to the person. The residency will be only use as an indicator of the study area, but apartment numbers will not be collected.
2. To protect the subjects the interview will not be taped recorded. Only paper records will be kept. Those paper records would not contain names or any information that can link the subjects to the study.
3. No direct benefits will be gained by the participants, other that their contribution to the Study.
4. There will not be any type of compensation to the participants.
5. People who will have access to the data will be

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