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THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES PEOPLE TO COLLECT ORAL HISTORIES AND SHARE THEIR STORIES FOR THE *DETROIT 1967 PROJECT*

DETROIT- The Detroit Historical Society continues to look for people who would like to learn how to conduct oral history interviews for the *Detroit 1967 Project* or who are just looking to learn how to conduct an interview that preserves history. During these 90-minute, free workshops, participants will learn the basics of conducting oral history interviews, from how to prepare, what questions to ask (and to not ask), how to work with recording equipment, how to transcribe your interview and how to submit your interview to the *Detroit 1967 Project*.

Oral History Workshops will be held on:

- **Wednesday, September 23** from **6 – 7:30 p.m.** at the Detroit Historical Museum
- **Saturday, October 10** from **10 – 11:30 a.m.** at the Detroit Historical Museum

These events are free. To sign up for an oral history workshop, please visit detroit1967.org/events.

Do you have a story to tell about where you were and what you were doing 48 years ago during the unrest that started on July 23, 1967? People who have significant firsthand accounts (which may include being at the scene of one or more of the altercations, losing a business or a home, serving as a firefighter, police officer or national guardsman, and the like) are asked to register in advance for a 30-45 minute interview for the *Detroit 1967 Project*.

The Detroit Historical Society will conduct interviews on:

- **Saturday, October 10** from **10 a.m. – 3 p.m.** at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Selected interviews will be included in the *Detroit 1967 Project's* online archive at detroit1967.org. Your story may also be included in a future exhibition at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Please register today at detroit1967.org/events to request an interview. Available interview times are expected to fill up quickly.

The *Detroit 1967 Project* is a transformational effort to promote informed discussion and spark clearer understanding about the events of the summer of 1967 and their effects on metro Detroit and the United States. The **Detroit 1967 Oral History Project** will collect stories and memories of Metro Detroiters that relate to their lives and experiences before, during and after the unrest of July 1967.

The **Detroit Historical Society**, established in 1921, is a private, nonprofit organization located in Midtown, the heart of Detroit's cultural center. Founded in 1921, its mission is to tell

Detroit's stories and why they matter. Today, the Society operates the Detroit Historical Museum and the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. In addition, the Society is responsible for the conservation and preservation of more than 250,000 artifacts that represent three centuries of our region's rich history. Through its museum exhibits, school tour programs, community-based programs and history-themed outreach efforts, the Society serves more than 150,000 people annually.

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