



Center For Neighborhoods

Neighborhood Institute

Thinking About Your Neighborhood

- Describe your neighborhood. Where is it exactly? Who lives there? Are there people of different ages and ethnicities? Are there people who have lived there for a long time, any newcomers?
- What do you like best about your neighborhood? What do you dislike?
- What parts of it would you want to keep or change?
- What would be your ideal neighborhood?
- What changes have you seen or do you see going on now in your neighborhood?
- If there are changes going on in your neighborhood, such as development or concerns about the environment, are your neighbors fighting for or against change? Describe the issues that are being fought over. What do you think of their struggle? Why?
- What is an issue that would motivate you to join a neighborhood cause?
- Describe any organizations which have been created to assist people who live in your neighborhood with legal services, health care, or grassroots activism, etc.
- What kinds of businesses exist in your neighborhood, if any? Who owns the businesses? Are there banks, liquor stores, video stores, et cetera? How do these businesses impact the neighborhood in a positive or negative way, and why?
- Is your neighborhood noisy or quiet? Who or what causes the noise?
- What kinds of transportation do people take in your neighborhood? If there is no public transportation, such as buses, how do young people and the elderly get around?
- Does public transportation serve your neighborhood well? Is it on time, convenient, clean, and safe? How do you get to school? Are there streets that you consider safer than others, streets that you avoid? Please describe.

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