



BLOCK FACE OBSERVATION FORM

Street Name/Description: _____

Between Street/Landmark 1: _____

And Street/Landmark 2: _____

1. How many **lanes for traffic** are there on this street?
Number of lanes |____|
2. What is the **traffic flow** on this street?
Very light 1
Light 2
Moderate 3
Heavy 4
Very heavy 5
3. Are there **speed bumps** on this street?
Yes 1
No 5
4. How would you rate the condition of the **street surface** (for driving)?
Very poor 1
Fair 2
Moderately good 3
Very good 4
Under construction 5
5. How would you rate the condition of the **sidewalks** (for walking)?
Very poor 1
Fair 2
Moderately good 3
Very good 4
Under construction 5
No sidewalks 6
6. Are there permit-only **parking restrictions** on this street?
Yes 1
No 5
7. Is there **public transportation** (e.g., a bus stop) on this block?
Yes 1
No 5
8. Is this street **barricaded** to prevent through-traffic?
Yes 1
No 5
9. Are there **trees** lining the street of the block face?
None 1
A few 2
Some 3
Many 4
10. Are there **abandoned cars** on the street or in alleys or lots?
None 1
A few 2
Some 3
Many 4
11. Is there **trash or junk** on the street or sidewalks, in yards/lots?
None 1
A little 2
Some 3
A lot 4
12. Is there **garbage, litter, or broken glass** on the street or sidewalk, in yards, or vacant lots?
None 1
A little 2
Some 3
A lot 4
13. Are there **needles, syringes, condoms, or drug-related paraphernalia** on the street or sidewalk, in yards/lots?
None 1
A few 2
Some 3
Many 4
14. Are there **empty beer containers or liquor bottles** on the street or sidewalks, in yards, or vacant lots?
None 1
A few 2
Some 3
Many 4
15. Are there **cigarettes or cigar butts or discarded cigarette packages** on the street or sidewalks, in yards/lots or gutters?
None 1
A few 2
Some 3
A lot 4
16. Is there **graffiti** on buildings, sidewalks, walls, or signs?
None 1
A little 2
Some 3
A lot 4

17. Is there **painted-over graffiti** on buildings, sidewalks, walls, or signs?
 None..... 1
 A little2
 Some3
 A lot4
18. Are there obvious **strong odors** anywhere in the block face (urine stench, rotting garbage, etc.)?
 Yes 1
 No5
19. How would you characterize the **land use** on this block face?
(CIRCLE ONE)
 Primarily residential (houses and apartments) 1
 Primarily commercial (stores and businesses)2
 Primarily industrial (warehouses and factories).....3
 Primarily vacant lots or undeveloped open space4
 Mixed residential and commercial5
 Mixed residential and industrial.....6
 Mixed residential and vacant lots.....7
 Other, specify: _____8
20. What are the **main types of housing** along this block face?
(CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)
 No residential units (GO TO 33)..... 1
 Stand-alone houses2
 Duplexes (two-household structures).....3
 Multiple household occupancy (3-6 units).....4
 Housing units over commercial store fronts.5
 Low rise apartment or condominium buildings (7 or more units, one to three floors)6
 Mid-rise apartment or condominium buildings (four to six floors)7
 High-rise apartment or condominium buildings (more than 6 floors)8
21. What is the overall **condition** of the residential buildings?
 Very poor 1
 Poor.....2
 Fair3
 Very good4
 Excellent5
22. How many houses/apartments are **burned out, boarded up, or abandoned**?
 None..... 1
 Very few2
 Some3
 Many4
 All5
23. How many **vacant lots** are there on this block?
 None..... 1
 Very few2
 Some3
 Many4
 All5
24. How many houses/apartments have **peeling paint or damaged exterior walls**?
 None 1
 Very few2
 Some3
 Many.....4
 All.....5
25. How many houses/apartments have **well-tended yards or gardens**?
 None 1
 Very few2
 Some3
 Many.....4
 All.....5
26. How many houses/apartments have **window bars or gratings** on doors or windows?
 None 1
 Very few2
 Some3
 Many.....4
 All.....5
27. How many houses/apartments have signs indicating they are protected by **private security services**?
 None 1
 Very few2
 Some3
 Many.....4
 All.....5
28. How many houses/apartments have signs indicating they are **protected by dogs**?
 None 1
 Very few2
 Some3
 Many.....4
 All.....5
29. How many houses/apartments have **security gates or security fences**?
 None 1
 Very few2
 Some3
 Many.....4
 All.....5
30. Are there signs indicating there is a **neighborhood watch** on this block?
 Yes..... 1
 No5

31. How many houses/apartments have “for sale” or “for rent” signs?
- None..... 1
 - Very few 2
 - Some 3
 - Many 4
 - All 5
32. Are there **old, beat-up cars** on the street or in driveways or yards?
- None..... 1
 - Very few 2
 - Some 3
 - Many 4
33. What is the overall **condition** of the commercial/industrial buildings?
- No Commercial/Industrial Building (GO TO 38)..... 1
 - Excellent 2
 - Very good 3
 - Fair 4
 - Poor 5
 - Very poor 6
34. How many of the commercial/industrial buildings are **abandoned, burned out, or boarded up**?
- None..... 1
 - Very few 2
 - Some 3
 - Many 4
 - All 5
35. How many of the commercial/industrial buildings have **windows that are barred or boarded** against entry?
- None..... 1
 - Very few 2
 - Some 3
 - Many 4
 - All 5
36. How many of the commercial/industrial properties have **security fences**?
- None..... 1
 - Very few 2
 - Some 3
 - Many 4
 - All 5
37. How many commercial / industrial buildings have “for sale” or “for rent” signs?
- None..... 1
 - Very few 2
 - Some 3
 - Many 4
 - All 5

38. Are there any **recreational facilities** in the block face (see list in next question)?
- Yes..... 1
 - No (GO TO 40) 5
39. What kinds of **recreational facilities** are in the block face? (**CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY**)
- Park..... 1
 - Playground..... 2
 - Sports/playing fields/courts/swimming pool 3
 - Community gardens..... 4
40. Is there a **public telephone** easily visible on the block face?
- Yes..... 1
 - No 5
41. Please look at the list below and indicate the presence of **commercial establishments** that you observed in this face block. Are there any...(WRITE 1 FOR YES, 0 FOR NO)
- 01. Street vendors (on sidewalk or in vehicles) ...
 - 02. Banks
 - 03. Check cashing services
 - 04. Pawn shops
 - 05. Second hand stores / thrift shops
 - 06. Massage parlor.....
 - 07. Sex stores/porno shops/peep shows.....
 - 08. Video store
 - 09. Video games/pool halls
 - 10. Liquor stores
 - 11. Bars.....
 - 12. Restaurants (sit-down).....
 - 13. Fast food/take out places
 - 14. Hotels/motels
 - 15. Cinema/theatre.....
 - 16. Parking lot (commercial)
 - 17. Barber shops and beauty salons
 - 18. Dry cleaners/tailors.....
 - 19. Laundromats
 - 20. Clothing store
 - 21. Discount stores (e.g., Target, WalMart)
 - 22. Convenience stores/7-11s
 - 23. Food stores (e.g., bakery, butcher)
 - 24. Grocery stores: large chain
 - 25. Grocery stores: independent
 - 26. Drug store/pharmacy
 - 27. Specialty stores (books, software)
 - 28. Variety stores.....
 - 29. Electronics stores
 - 30. Appliance sales/rental/repair/etc.....

- 31. Home repair/hardware/lumber
- 32. Garden stores/nurseries
- 33. Furniture store: new furniture
- 34. Furniture store: used furniture.....
- 35. Gas station.....
- 36. Car repairs/body shops/garages.....
- 37. Car sales: new cars
- 38. Car sales: used cars
- 39. Business services (printing, shipping).....
- 40. Travel agents
- 41. Professional offices (doctors, dentists,
lawyers, accountants, etc)
- 42. Real estate
- 43. Manufacturing: light (e.g., tools)
- 44. Manufacturing: heavy
- 45. Warehouses
- 46. Other, specify: _____

42. Please look at the list below and indicate the presence of **institutions** that you observed in this face block.

Are there any ... (WRITE 1 FOR YES, 0 FOR NO)

- 01. Churches or other religious institutions
- 02. Police station.....
- 03. Courts/jails/detention centers
- 04. Fire station
- 05. Post office
- 06. Employment/manpower offices
- 07. Welfare offices.....
- 08. Public services (DPSS, WIC, etc.)
- 09. Health or medical clinic
- 10. Hospital.....
- 11. Day care center/nursery schools/children's
centers.....
- 12. Public schools: kindergarten/elementary
- 13. Public schools: junior high/middle school
- 14. Public schools: high school/secondary.....
- 15. Public schools: technical.....
- 16. Schools: parochial or religious.....
- 17. Schools: private, trade/technical
- 18. Schools: private schools.....
- 19. Schools: college or university
- 20. Recreation/community center
- 21. Utilities: gas, water, electric.....
- 22. Charitable organizations (e.g. Goodwill)
- 23. Other, specify: _____