

Community Impact Statement (CIS) Small Group Worksheet

Imagine a theoretical problem property where the owner has a history of playing loud music at night, many people coming and going from the house, suspected drug dealing, and sporadic police activity. These have been issues for many years and countless community and block club meetings have been held to address it. Despite these efforts the property owner continues to cause nuisance and safety concerns for neighbors. The owner is arrested and convicted of selling narcotics several blocks from the property and is awaiting sentencing.

Question #1 – How has this crime affected you and your community

Question #2 – Has it had a negative effect on your community's attitudes about itself?

Question #3 – What is the social or economic impact of this crime on your neighborhood?

Question #4 – What is needed to return your neighborhood to the conditions that existed prior to the crime being committed?

Question #5 – What do you think is an appropriate sentence for this offense?