

## What Do the Neighbors Think?

### Assessing the Community Impact of Neighborhood Stabilization Efforts

#### Appendix D: Resident Quotes about Other Threats to Neighborhood Stability

- Residents recounted illegal and anti-social activities in general terms
  - One woman who noted, “There are major crimes on the cross streets. We try to get people to notice things- to pay attention.”
  - Another woman recounted how, “We still deal with a lot of violence, drug addicts, and home or auto theft.”
  - A young man reported that, “Two months ago someone broke into two cars and broke the window.”
  - Another young man reported that he saw, “prevalent drug dealing and prostitution that occurs around the corner.”
  - Another male renter detailed how he sees, “Drug addicts and deals on steps of homes or corners; gangs/robbery/assaults.”
- Many residents also recalled in detail specific incidences of gun violence.
  - As one female homeowner on one street recounted, “Believe it or not, I have literally witnessed three people lying in the street after being shot. I don’t know if you’ll recall in the news, Halloween they shot someone. Another holiday they shot, it was a teenage boy.”
  - A female homeowner on another street spoke of how “Somebody just got shot [one street over] last week. They did a big community meeting, they did a big block party trying to straighten the air up. A massive email went up from the police department.”
  - Another female renter recalled how, “There was a shooting. “
  - A female homeowner told us how, “The other night there were five shots right here.”
  - A male renter related that “Wish they would stop the gunfire. A little boy was shot.”
  - A Female Latino renter on that same street related an episode, “Like we had two shootings, actually, like in my apartment. There were bullets coming straight into my apartment last summer, twice. And it was all due to the people who lived upstairs who eventually got evicted. That created like a really sense of insecurity on the street. They would keep the people on the porch and they would be in front of the house. And it was bad. It is better now, it is a lot quieter with them gone, actually. The people on the street, a lot of people are older people, people who work, um, have families. Those people, just I don’t know, just didn’t fit in at all on the street.”

- A woman living with family commented that, "There was a gun shot behind the house. A kid threw his gun and it went off. The cops came by afterwards w/in minutes because of a new police program shot spotter."
- A male renter speculated, "If we got rid of the guns it would be safe."