



PUBLIC SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION NOTES



Baltimore Neighborhood Economics Lab 2026
Understanding Neighborhood Economies from the Ground Up



SESSION REFLECTION

What most shapes how people perceive neighborhood safety? (Select all that apply)

- Local news coverage
- Social media
- Word of mouth
- Personal experience
- Visible business activity
- Vacant properties
- Police presence
- Community activity
- Neighborhood cleanliness
- Public transportation access
- Other:



PERCEPTION VS. REALITY



What businesses or amenities signal neighborhood confidence?



What makes a neighborhood feel economically active?



How do safety perceptions influence where people spend money, invest, or live?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION NOTES



STORYTELLING & MEDIA NARRATIVES



SMALL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE & SAFETY



RESIDENT EXPERIENCE & NEIGHBORHOOD CONFIDENCE



FINAL REFLECTION

What did this discussion reveal to you about the realities shaping Baltimore's neighborhoods?

