

FutureHeights

CC'23 - Building Community with Renters & Landlords Small Group Discussion Questions

ICE BREAKER (10 min): Share your name, the neighborhood where you live, if you are a renter or a homeowner. On a scale of 1-5, how would you rate your sense of belonging in the Heights?

INVESTMENT vs BELONGING (25 min): 54.4% of all survey respondents rated their *investment* in the Heights a 5 while only 33.3% rated their *sense of belonging* a 5. Why do you think the numbers are so starkly different? Do you feel this way? What steps do you think you could take to increase a sense of belonging in your own neighborhood?

- In case your group needs clarity: *Investment* refers to what an individual feels they give to the community while *sense of belonging* is how welcome they feel in the community (i.e. what they *get back*)

US vs THEM (25 min): Both renter and homeowner respondents identified the top reason they have chosen the Heights as their home because of shared community values (54.9% of renters; 57% of homeowners). Even so, the Heights seems to have an “us vs. them” when it comes to homeowners and renters/landlords. Where do you think that divide comes from? What kinds of actions could you take to minimize that divide and focus more on building a connected neighborhood, regardless of renter/homeowner status?