



Survey Number: _____

For Survey Administrators Only:
 Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____
 Survey administered by: _____

Community Court Survey: This survey is designed to understand the thoughts of Southwest Detroit residents like yourself. We want to know how you see the issues of safety in your neighborhood, and your experience with the police and the justice system. This survey is **completely confidential**; no one can connect your answers to your name, so please be as honest as possible! Your perspective is very important to us!

Your zip code: _____ Your neighborhood: _____

1) What is your **primary connection** to the Southwest Detroit community? *(Please √ your best answer)*

Resident ___ Employee/worker ___ Merchant/business owner ___

Other _____

2) How many **years** has this been your primary connection to Southwest Detroit? _____

3) Over the last 12 months, how would you rate the **quality of life** in your neighborhood? *(Please circle the number that best reflects your answer)*

| | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Very good → Very poor | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

4) Please think about the **safety issues** in your neighborhood or police district. How much of a problem are the following? *(Please circle the number that best reflects your answer)*

| | Not a problem | Minor problem | Significant problem | Major problem | Does not apply |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Public drug sales or drug use | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Assault | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Begging and panhandling | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Disorderly conduct/criminal mischief | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Prostitution | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Motor vehicle theft | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Guns | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Domestic violence | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Residential burglary | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Graffiti/Vandalism | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Shoplifting | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Vandalism of public property/parks | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Abandoned property/homes/vehicles | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Truancy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Other: _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |

5) For the following locations, how safe do you feel **during the day**? (Please circle the number that best reflects your answer)

| | Very safe | Somewhat safe | Somewhat unsafe | Very unsafe | Not applicable |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| On the street | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| In your house or apartment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| At work | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| In school | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Waiting for a bus /getting into your car | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| While shopping | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| At the park/public areas | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| At the gas station | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |

6) For the same locations, how safe do you feel **at night**? (Please circle the number that best reflects your answer)

| | Very safe | Somewhat safe | Somewhat unsafe | Very unsafe | Not applicable |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| On the street | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| In your house or apartment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| At work | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| In school | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| Waiting for a bus /getting into your car | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| While shopping | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| At the park/public areas | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |
| At the gas station | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |

7) Are there any **other places** where you feel **unsafe**? _____

8) If you were in need of help, how confident do you feel that **people in your area would come to your aid**? (Example: If your car was being broken into, would a neighbor report it to the police?)

| Very confident | Somewhat confident | Neutral | Not very confident | Not at all confident |
|----------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

The next few questions ask about your personal experience with crime...

9) In the last 12 months, have you been a **victim of a crime**? (Please feel free to skip any questions with which you are uncomfortable answering.) (Please ✓ your best answer)

Yes ___ No ___ (skip to Q11)

10) If you answered YES to the last question (#9), of what **type of crime** were you a victim?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Theft of or from vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Theft from home/yard/garage <input type="checkbox"/> Robbery <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Assault <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism (graffiti, damaged property) |
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The next few questions ask about your personal experience with the police and the courts...

11) In the last 12 months, have you or someone in your household ever called the police to report a crime?
Yes ___ No ___ (skip to Q13)

12) If you answered YES to the last question (#11), how would you **rate the initial police response**?

| Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Not applicable |
|-----------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | N/A |

13) Have you ever witnessed or been a victim of a crime **and not reported it**?
Yes ___ No ___

Please think about how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

| | Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 14) In my neighborhood, the police are effective at addressing ongoing criminal activity. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 15) The relationship between police and my community are positive. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 16) The court system effectively responds to quality of life issues in Southwest Detroit. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 17) Once a criminal defendant is arrested, I understand how cases are processed through the system. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 18) I am aware that victims and community members can have an impact on how a case is resolved. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 19) In my community, individuals returning from prison or jail generally receive the services they need for successful reintegration. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

The next questions ask about the Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center (SWDCJC)...

The Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center is a nonprofit court modeled after the Midtown Community Court in New York City. The mission of community court is to increase public trust in the justice system, improve quality of life and actively engage in efforts to reduce crime and incarceration.

The Community Court program consists of:

- ❖ The actual court, which operates through the 36th District Court, Judge Shannon A. Holmes. This is where offenders are referred to the program, and can choose to opt-in or to proceed according to standard court sanctions.
- ❖ The justice center, which currently shares offices with the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation in Southwest Detroit.

Working together, the court and the justice center:

- ❖ Promote **visible community service** as a sanction for misdemeanor crimes, holding offenders accountable, but also encouraging connection to the community harmed;
- ❖ Provide any **necessary services or referrals**, which are designed to improve the quality of life for offenders *and* residents in the district it serves, thereby reducing the conditions that serve as the foundation for crime;
- ❖ And, as sanctioned by the court, **absolve young offenders** (under age 24) who successfully complete offender training courses to avoid the snow-balling effects of the criminal record that often lead to incarceration

20) Before today, were you **aware that there was a community-based court** serving Southwest Detroit (the Southwest Detroit Community Court and Justice Center)?

Yes, I was aware ____ No, I was not aware ____

21) Before today, were you **aware that the following community court services are available**, on-site or through referral to community partners, to all members of the community?

| | Aware of these services? | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----|
| Basic needs advocacy assistance (e.g. housing, food stamps, SSI) | Yes | No |
| Medical care service referral (including HIV, STD, TB testing) | Yes | No |
| English as a second language classes | Yes | No |
| Substance abuse services | Yes | No |
| GED classes | Yes | No |
| Job training and placement services | Yes | No |
| Neighborhood legal services | Yes | No |
| Court-mandated health/parenting/anger management support classes | Yes | No |
| Re-entry referral services | Yes | No |

22) Having learned about the community court, how **supportive** are you of the services offered?

| Very supportive | Somewhat supportive | Neutral | Not very supportive | Not at all supportive |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

23) Are you **interested in any of the above services** for yourself or someone you know?

Yes ____ If yes, which services? _____
No ____

24) Are there **other services** you would like to see offered by the community court?

The final questions ask about you. They are only to learn about the demographics of the people who are completing the survey. Again, the survey is completely confidential.



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25) Gender: Male___ Female ___

26) What **ethnicity/racial group** do you identify with?

Asian/Pacific Islander ___

Black/African American ___

Latino ___

Native American ___

Arabic/Middle Eastern ___

White ___

Other: _____

27) How **old** were you on your last birthday? _____

28) Do you have any brief comments or concerns about the criminal justice system in your community that have not been addressed in this survey?

29) Would you be willing to participate in a one-hour focus group to further discuss these issues?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please contact James Phillips at 313-967-4880 x 124.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

THANK YOU!