

Appendix B: Interview Schedule

Interview/Focus Group Questions for Study on
Impact of Gentrification and Displacement on the
Different Communities in Chicago
(With a Particular Focus on Race and Ethnicity)

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Instructions to the interviewer are typed in *italics*¹

Please read the following paragraph to each interviewee so that we will have a common understanding of the research among those who we have interviewed:

There has been discussion among some community leaders about the impact of gentrification on Chicago's communities, such as low-income African-American and Hispanic communities. Certainly reinvestment in neighborhoods can bring vital resources to communities in terms of housing, business, school, and other tangible developments. However, there are also concerns by some about the displacement of current residents from communities when such reinvestment takes place.

Questions:

1. What are the community areas(s) in which you have most actively been involved and with which you are most familiar?
2. Have you seen any changes and/or new investment in these communities over the past five to ten years?
3. What kind of impacts have these changes or new investments had on the character of the community? on the quality of lives for community residents?
4. Some people have expressed concern that gentrification, particularly changes resulting from new housing development, has displaced low-income residents who have had to move out of the community. Has this been the case in communities with which you are familiar?

If no, how have existing residents benefited from this new investment?

If yes, who has been displaced? How extensive has the displacement been? Where have displaced individuals gone?

5. Thinking of different groups in Chicago, particularly African-Americans, Latinos, Asian-Americans, immigrants, women, gay/lesbian residents, do you think some groups have been affected more or less than others? If yes, what group(s)? If yes, how have they been affected differently?

¹ These same questions were used as questions to guide facilitators in the three focus groups completed for this research study.

6. Here is a list of some of the different kinds of the public and private investments that can be