

## Sample Analytic Rubrics

### Sample Comprehensive Neighborhood Evaluation Rubric

Category	1 - Needs Much Improvement	2 - Below Average	3 - Moderate/Adequate	4 - Good	5 - Excellent
<b>A. Safety &amp; Security</b>	At or above 80th percentile for police and fire calls for service per capita (very high crime rate, major safety concerns, etc.).	60th-79th percentile for police and fire calls for service per capita (high crime rate, noticeable safety concerns).	40th-59th percentile for police and fire calls for service per capita (moderate crime rate, manageable issues), some community safety efforts in place.	20th-39th percentile for police and fire calls for service per capita (low crime rate, residents generally feel safe), community safety efforts are improving.	1st-19th percentile for police and fire calls for service per capita (very low crime, strong sense of security), effective proactive community policing.
<b>B. Walkability &amp; Accessibility</b>	Poor sidewalks that are mostly inaccessible for people with disabilities, minimal transit.	Some walkable areas, challenging for people with disabilities, limited transit access.	Mostly walkable with some small gaps, mostly accessible for people with disabilities, moderate transit access.	Highly walkable with good pedestrian infrastructure, accessibility, and transit access.	Fully walkable, pedestrian-friendly, fully accessible design; excellent public transportation.
<b>C. Community Engagement &amp; Social Cohesion</b>	Little to no community-wide interaction or local events.	Occasional events, low community-wide participation, weak advocacy.	Regular events, moderate community-wide engagement, some advocacy efforts.	Frequent events, active community-wide participation, growing local advocacy.	Frequent events, high community-wide engagement, strong networks, regular collaboration and leadership.
<b>D. Green Spaces &amp; Outdoor Recreation</b>	Very few or poorly maintained green spaces, largely inaccessible.	Some parks, limited and poor-quality recreational amenities, limited accessibility.	Adequate public parks and green areas, some recreational amenities, maintained for basic safety. All are somewhat accessible.	Many well-maintained parks, trails, and recreational options. All are accessible.	Abundant, universally accessible, well-maintained green spaces with diverse outdoor opportunities.

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<b>E. Economic Outlook, Opportunities, &amp; Employment</b>	Very high unemployment, minimal local job options—all below living wage, extreme poverty (80-100th percentile per capita).	Some local job options—mostly below living wage, stagnant growth, moderate-to-high poverty (60-79th percentile per capita).	Growing local job market, mixed economic sectors, some full-time jobs with benefits (including health insurance and pto) moderate poverty (40-59th percentile per capita).	Diverse local job opportunities, clear economic mobility, a growing number of full-time jobs with benefits (including health insurance, pto, and retirement plan), low poverty (20–39th percentile per capita).	Thriving local economy, strong employment in multiple sectors, many full-time jobs with benefits (including health insurance, pto, retirement plan, and other incentives), high mobility.
<b>F. Housing Affordability, Quality, &amp; Diversity</b>	Rent and housing unaffordable, severe quality and maintenance issues, very limited options for home ownership.	Limited affordable options, mixed housing quality, few options for affordable home ownership.	Moderately affordable, generally decent quality, some options for home ownership, growing amount of “middle housing.”	Good affordability and housing conditions, consistent maintenance, a growing number of middle housing options for and some pathways to home ownership.	High-quality, affordable, well-maintained, and diverse housing options with a highly-utilized number of pathways to home ownership.
<b>G. Education &amp; Schools</b>	Failing schools, very limited educational opportunities.	Low-perform-ing schools, resource limitations.	Adequate schools, average performance, improving resources.	Strong academic programs, good resources and extracurriculars.	Exceptional schools with high performance and robust programs.
<b>H. Socioeconomic Diversity &amp; Inclusivity</b>	Homogeneous population, discrimination, severe inequalities.	Some diversity, low inclusivity, apparent inequalities.	Moderate diversity, some inclusive initiatives.	Diverse, inclusive community with efforts to reduce disparities.	Actively inclusive, highly diverse, with equitable resource distribution.

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<b>I. Health &amp; Wellness</b>	Limited access to healthcare and wellness resources.	Some access, but with barriers (distance, cost, coverage).	Adequate healthcare options, a few community wellness initiatives.	Good access to care, regular wellness (including mental health) programs and outreach.	Comprehensive healthcare access, extensive wellness and mental health support.
<b>J. Local Amenities &amp; Services</b>	Scarce amenities (e.g., no grocery, healthcare, or retail nearby).	Basic amenities present, but limited variety or quality.	Moderate access to everyday services and shops.	Broad range of good-quality services and amenities.	Rich mix of high-quality services, cultural venues, and amenities.
<b>K. Housing Stability</b>	Rent/mortgage costs highly volatile; vacancies >12%; evictions >7%; no enforcement of protections/policies.	Unstable prices; vacancies 9–11%; evictions 5–6%; weak enforcement of protections/policies.	Somewhat stable; vacancies 6–8%; evictions 3–4%; enforcement of protections/policies has gaps.	Stable costs; vacancies 3–5%; evictions 1–2%; protections/policies mostly enforced.	Very stable; vacancies <3%; evictions <1%; strong enforcement of protections/policies.

Scoring Guide: Goal: All neighborhoods should score 30 or above.

- 45-55: Flourishing Neighborhood – Excels in all key areas and provides a high QOL for residents.
- 35-44: Strong Neighborhood – Performing well, with some areas for improvement, but it offers a solid foundation for residents.
- 25-34: Developing Neighborhood – Noticeable challenges and growth opportunities, but the neighborhood has potential.
- 15-24: Struggling Neighborhood – Several key issues need addressing to improve livability and community QOL.