



## Section 1: Problem Identification

### Week 2

1a) Compose a letter to a friend who has called you asking about what it would be like to live in your neighborhood. Your friend has a 6-year-old child who will be attending 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Your friend is on a limited budget and really would like to rent a 2-bedroom apartment. What information and advice would you give your friend based upon your current knowledge of your neighborhood?

### Weeks 3-4:

The following sections should be a total of 3 pages in length:

These two submitted assignments will be considered as drafts and you will have an opportunity to revise your draft for submission into your portfolio.

1b) Take a walking tour of your neighborhood. Spend at least one hour on this tour and describe what you see as you walk. For example: people, stores, types of housing, schools, human service organizations that you see or are aware of, and activities that people are engaged in.

1c) Describe a current problem your neighborhood is experiencing. Provide evidence to demonstrate how you know this is a problem for people living in your neighborhood. Then locate a human service organization in your neighborhood that might be helpful in dealing with this problem. Include in your paper a brief description of this organization and describe how it contributes to the goals of community development.

## Section 2: The political structure of my neighborhood

### Weeks 4-8:

Memos: Following the format provided in class, submit 1 typed paper memo, and an e-mail memo to describe progress in obtaining information for the assignments in section 2.

The following assignments should be a total of at least 5 pages

2a) Describe the key political leaders in your neighborhood. Identify the political representatives in your community on the city, state, and federal level. Identify your Community Board leaders and other key leaders of your neighborhood. Be sure to include the roles and responsibilities of each of the people you identify.

2b) Attend a community board meeting and describe the following:

- 1) Provide the date, time, place and agenda
- 2) Describe the way the meeting was conducted; what rules and regulations seemed to be followed

- 3) Summarize the main points of the meeting
- 4) In your opinion, describe if this meeting successfully covered the items outlined in the agenda

2c) Now that you have information about your neighborhood, describe how you might solve the problem your neighborhood is facing. Include in your answer:

- 1) Your reasons for selecting a particular strategy
- 2) Evidence that this type of strategy could be useful
- 3) The organizing actions you would use
- 4) Describe people you would involve in these actions and reasons why

Section 3: The Group Experience – Final assignment to be included in portfolio  
Weeks 8-11

The following section should be a total of 3 pages in length

3a) Utilizing the research completed by your group, describe the critical issues confronting the neighborhood your group profiled. Explain how human service issues were handled by the community. In your opinion, how could the community address these issues?

3b) Without evaluating others, describe your participation in the group project. What role did you play in the group, and what contributions did you make to this project? Now that the project is completed, what suggestions would you make to the group, and to yourself, regarding the working process of the group project?