



Columbus Community Safety Advisory Commission
Community Listening Sessions

To better understand the place-based experience of policing, the Columbus Community Safety Advisory Commission will partner with the Safety Consultant to conduct six (6) listening sessions in the Comprehensive Neighborhood Safety Strategy intervention districts (Linden, Hilltop, Southside).

In each community, two (2) sessions will take place – one (1) with community leaders and members, and one (1) with safety personnel working in that jurisdiction. The sessions are separated to give the maximum opportunity for transparent, focused, and productive dialogue amongst the participants.

Each session will be run by a professional facilitator, who will be responsible for preparing the agenda and questions, and lightly facilitating the conversation to ensure focus and depth.

The Safety Commissioners' role will be authentic listening and learning. Prior to the sessions, Commissioners will be asked to provide questions to the facilitator to incorporate into the conversation. If Commissioners have questions during the session, those questions will be collected and provided to the facilitator to be presented at the facilitator's discretion.

After the end of the facilitated community conversation, the Safety Commission will hold a group conversation about what they witnessed in the listening session.