Breakout Group Discussion Questions
Johns Hopkins University MOU Town Halls

1. What are your thoughts about the roles and responsibilities of JHPD and/or BPD in the draft MOU? Are they clear? What needs clarifying?

2. How would you describe the best way for JHPD and BPD to work together? Why? How is that, or isn't that, reflected in the draft MOU?

3. In general, are there parts of the draft MOU that are confusing or concerning to you? Are there aspects of the JHPD that you are looking forward to or are hopeful about? What questions do you have?

4. The campus patrol boundaries for the JHPD are written into state law (i.e., specific streets are named in the law). These boundaries do not cover all of JHU’s facilities, so BPD will still have primary jurisdiction in other JHU locations. The JHPD is not permitted to exercise police powers on any property other than its campus area, with the exception of a few, limited circumstances, unless there is majority community support and City Council confirms by resolution that it has received support.

   What do you think about this overall approach to the JHPD boundaries?

5. The MOU is a formal, operational document that does not cover all (or even many) of the policies that would govern JHPD. The full list of requirements for JHPD are in the law and in JHU’s public commitments, as you can see in the Legal Framework and Commitments chart. As those other issues are turned into policies, they will be reviewed by the JH Accountability Board and posted for public view.

   What are your thoughts about these other issues? Which ones are most important for them to consider?

6. What are the 1 or 2 big take-aways from this discussion that we want to report back to the larger group?

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