# First, please review the following case materials:

## Chang, S. A. (2011). *Best job in the neighborhood and they own it: Worker co-ops*

## *expanding despite rust-belt economy.* Retrieved from <http://www.yesmagazine.org/issues/new-livelihoods/best-job-in-the-neighborhood-and-they-own-it> **[[1]](#footnote-1)**

## I also encourage you to review the current website for Evergreen Cooperatives on which the case is based: <http://www.evgoh.com/>

## And, watch the four brief videos here: <http://community-wealth.org/content/cleveland-model-how-evergreen-cooperatives-are-building-community-wealth>

# Second, please prepare your responses to the following case questions:

## After completing the following questions, please be prepared to share your responses in an open discussion format. In preparing your responses, consider the overall social and economic well-being of the case community.

Drawing from the assigned case readings and lecture, please answer the following questions.

1. Provide a brief description of the community discussed in the article, Cleveland’s Greater University Circle (i.e., paragraph, geography, key demographics, what makes this community unique?)

1. Identify at least one example of each of the following community concepts found in the article:
2. Horizontal structure
3. Vertical structure
4. Reciprocity
5. Social exclusion
6. Identify at least one of each of Warren’s community functions found in the article and explain why it is an example of that function:
7. Production, distribution, consumption
8. Socialization
9. Social control
10. Social participation
11. Mutual support
12. Identify at least four economic and social needs the community had prior to the co-op.
13. What are some key values shared by the community? Present evidence to provide support for the identified values.
14. Identify three key actors in the community. What role do they play?
15. What are some of the resources (including economic and social) within the community?
16. Prior to the co-op, describe the “world as it was” and, using evidence from the article, describe the vision of what the actors thought the “world should be.”
17. Do you think power in this community is mostly linear (power over) or relational (power with)? Provide evidence to support your position. Think in terms of both social and economic power.

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