

## Referee Reports

Your objective in the referee reports is to (1) summarize the major points of the paper and (2) offer constructive criticism to the authors. It may help to imagine that you have been asked to referee the paper by a top field journal in urban economics and your comments will be shared anonymously with the authors.

We expect your referee reports to be about one-page long (around 400 words) and to briefly address each of the following questions:

1. What is the research question?
  - a. How does the research question relate to existing literature?
  - b. Why is it worth asking?
2. What is the empirical strategy for answering this research question?
  - a. What would the ideal dataset look like? How is the dataset in this paper different from that ideal dataset?
  - b. How does identification work in this paper?
  - c. What are the sources of exogenous variation?
3. What are the main conclusions of the author(s)?
4. What alternative interpretations of the results are plausible? Does the author test his/her conclusions against alternative interpretations or provide any practical reason why they are less likely?
5. What concrete changes would you propose to the paper? Here you may address issues of economic substance as well as of how the paper is organized or written.