

## HOW DO TRASH MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES IMPACT RESIDENTS?

**Emotional Impact:  
Pain, shame, despair, hope**

*"...when you're driving out of the city and to see those differences in the litter and all that. It's just like that's going to take a toll on a child, you know. I started to feel ashamed of my neighborhood." - Tatiana Hilario*

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**FORGOTTEN CLOTHING DONATION BOX  
BY DAYSHIA COLON**

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Intersection of Inequalities-  
Transportation and Mobility  
Challenges

*"this bus shelter being in this condition is disappointing. No garbage bin had been provided to the space, so inevitably, trash started piling up. It had been ignored for weeks."*

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**BUS 'SHELTER' BY MAYLIN JUAREZ**

## Whose Responsibility Is It? Individuals, the City, or a Regional Issue?

### Unequal resources

*"The area surrounding the Capitol is always kept up. Lining the streets are garbage cans that are never overflowing. Just a few blocks away there are no trash bins available. Litter, shattered glass, and highway debris are often on sidewalks and in green spaces."*



**LEAVING THE CAPITOL BY MAYLIN JUAREZ**  
*Trash and overgrowth lining fence over I-84.  
In the distance is the Connecticut State  
Capitol Building.*



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*"I remember when I first moved to Hartford long-time residents told me that apartment building owners or suburban people sometimes drive into Hartford and dump their mattresses on the sidewalks so they don't need to pay disposal fees, making residents responsible for their trash and associated fines"*

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**URBAN MATTRESS OR SUBURBAN MATTRESS? BY ERICA CROWLEY**

## IMAGINING SOLUTIONS: WHAT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE?

*"...nothing happens, nothing ever happens. You know, nothing ever happens for the community. So it's so hard to just have an idea or suggestion because, literally nothing ever happens. So I am just like, I don't care, you know. Like why am I going to put my energy into this to be disappointed again?" -Tatiana Hilario*



**STUCK IN THE MIDDLE BY DESTIN BROWN  
A STRUGGLE BETWEEN THOSE THAT DO AND  
DONT CARE**

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*"The Hartford City Council must no longer forget about all the different neighborhoods and all the different people" -Sister Patricia McKeon*



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*"I think 110%, and I think those funds (EJ funds) need to be used in working with these health institutions, with the state legislators, the community, and remediating for that. Right, but also education, education, education, education, I think is the biggest thing right now." -Yahaira Escribano*