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Why Center City West Sidewalks Are Getting Dirtier

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A Fitler Focus reader shares the state of her sidewalk, where litter remains after trash collection following the end of the neighborhood's privately funded sidewalk cleaning program.Trash is lingering longer on residential sidewalks in Center City West, and for the first time in nearly a decade, no private crew is coming behind city trash collection to clean it up.The change follows a quiet but consequential decision by the Center City Residents' Association to end its privately funded sidewalk cleaning program outside the Center City District's commercial boundaries.



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