

## AT THE EDGE OF PROMISE AND DESPAIR

- CAN I STAY Darnell Moore - Panel 1

“Even without running for office. Even without having really the substantial political power. But I remember being asked to write bullet points for it—for, like, the mayor around particular issues. Some—most of which were, I think, were fair, but, you know, you do things like when the mayor doesn’t show up to the closing of branch, of Baxter Terrace projects, for example, Baxter Terrace which was—it’s located—it was on James Street. A large housing project unit that was shut down. And I remember the day, I lived two blocks away from there on James, when the community that lived there was called to meet at a community center on James Street.

Well, they were pretty much told the time that—the amount of time they would have before this housing project would be demolished and they need to move out. And I remember the mayor wasn’t there. And this is what I mean by compromises. Like, I had to make a decision. Do you or do you not call out the mayor here?”