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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(14) Nay(0) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 04/26/2022

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 04/28/2022

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Council File Number: 22-0280

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Echo Park Neighborhood Council supports this motion from Councilmembers Bonin and Harris-Dawson, requesting a report on the development of a Fair Chance Housing Ordinance. Requesting criminal records often results in the elimination of minority communities from consideration for housing units, and justice-involved Angelenos deserve an equal footing in the housing application process.

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Position: Support

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Furthermore, this motion has the potential to contribute to solutions to the homelessness crisis. Many unhoused Angelenos have accrued criminal records due to city enforcement on those sleeping on sidewalks and in cars. These individuals are often eliminated from the rental application process despite the ability to pay for units with vouchers or new employment.

This council firmly believes that the final bulleted element from the council file for the potential Fair Chance Housing ordinance is critical to the success of the program and is a piece that must be included in its final iteration. That element is:

- Create a private right of action for prospective renters, or organizations acting on their behalf, with attorneys' fees, and implement penalties for violations of the ordinance to encourage adherence to the provisions of the Fair Chance Housing Ordinance, discourage discriminatory and/or arbitrary landlord screening practices, and otherwise strengthen the enforceability of the Fair Chance Housing Ordinance.

Sincerely,  
Echo Park Neighborhood Council