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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Summary: - COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT - Council File: 22-0280 Title: Fair Chance Housing Ordinance / Applicant Criminal History / Discriminatory Tenant Screening Practices
Position: Support Summary: The Palms Neighborhood Council Supports this motion to give all people, regardless of their criminal histories, equal access to housing. Housing is both a basic need and a critical element to successful reentry from criminal penalties. Therefore, the Palms NC calls for a Fair Chance Housing Ordinance, ending criminal background checks and questions about criminal history in rental applications. Those with criminal records face severe discrimination in the rental market. They are significantly more likely to experience homelessness, a reality that harshly undercuts the rehabilitative purpose of any system of justice. This lack of housing access can also foster a cycle of homelessness and recidivism—especially given laws and enforcement that criminalize many facets of homelessness. Angelenos of color, already discriminated against in the criminal justice system, thus disproportionately encounter barriers to rental housing as well. The Palms Neighborhood Council urges the drafting and speedy adoption of a Fair Chance Housing Ordinance, removing consideration of rental applicants' criminal history, except under limited exceptions such as shared living arrangements.