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Council File Number: 22-0280

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: At a Brown Act Compliant Meeting on April 13, 2022, NoHo Neighborhood Council voted 9-2-2 to SUPPORT this motion to give all people, regardless of their criminal histories, equal access to housing. Please see the attached statement for further details.

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Council File: [22-0280](#)

Title: Fair Chance Housing Ordinance / Applicant Criminal History / Discriminatory Tenant Screening Practices

Position: FOR

Summary:

At a Brown Act Compliant Meeting on April 13, 2022, NoHo Neighborhood Council voted to SUPPORT 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. 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.

Therefore, NoHo Neighborhood Council 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.

NoHo 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.