



Just Housing Initiative

Enhancing Housing Protections for
People with Arrest and Criminal Records

Endorsement Form

An amendment to the Cook County Human Rights ordinance that enhances housing protections for people with arrest records and convictions is being proposed. This will ease discriminatory barriers and provide greater housing opportunities for formerly incarcerated persons and those with other arrest and criminal histories. This would provide opportunities for people with records to find and remain within stable housing.

Currently in Cook County, private landlords and local public housing authorities regularly deny an applicant housing if s/he has had a prior arrest or conviction. Barriers to housing based on criminal screenings are particularly problematic because it creates a cycle of instability that is unjust to the individual and costly to society. Some of the costs include an increased risk of homelessness and greater likelihood of recidivism.

I support enhanced protections for people with arrest and criminal histories.

I will demonstrate support by (check all that apply):

Endorsing the campaign

Speaking with local legislators

Joining the Just Housing Initiative Coalition

Organizing clients/consumers who have been impacted

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Name (print): _____

Organization: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

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