

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed ordinance to prohibit landlords from screening prospective tenants on the basis of their criminal, eviction or credit histories is misguided and should be withdrawn. My husband and I have a 1926 20-unit apartment building in the Historic West Adams District. We have lovingly maintained it and operated it well for the 25 years that we have owned it. We provide a clean, aesthetically pleasing and harmonious environment. Our tenants are very happy. (They tell us!) Our rents are fair. We have a less than one percent vacancy factor. A large part of the apartment building's success comes from screening prospective tenants for their credit worthiness, criminal and eviction history. We do not charge prospective tenant(s) an application fee but we do check criminal, eviction and credit histories because we must know if the new tenant will be able to pay the rent and be a good citizen. The ordinance you have proposed is a recipe for a housing disaster.