

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, As a constituent of CD4 I support Council File 22-02625 which moves for the City Attorney and Housing Department to report back on the development of an ordinance to eliminate significant barriers in rental applications. The extreme rent burden in LA and the COVID-19 pandemic have placed many renters in debt and have made them vulnerable to discrimination in rental applications. Past evictions - often successful only because the tenant did not have a lawyer - should not make it impossible for Angelenos to move forward to safe, sustainable housing. Additionally, prospective tenant's participation in rental assistance programs should not be considered in rental unit applications by landlords. Last year, the City received 6,806 Emergency Housing Vouchers. We should be streamlining the use of that assistance, not creating obstacles. This is a real problem. For example, in my volunteer work with NoHo Home Alliance today, I was working with a gentleman who had a voucher, but couldn't find a landlord to accept him because of a low credit score - despite the guaranteed voucher incentives and funding. Research into these and other practices, as outlined in 22-0265 is needed.