JUST HOUSING INITIATIVE

We are calling for a countywide amendment that will ensure that people with records have equal access to stable housing opportunities.

**The Just Housing Amendment will:**
- Ban discrimination in real estate transactions based on one’s covered criminal history
- Help reduce recidivism and make Cook County a safer place
- Protect children and families from the consequences of housing instability
- Protect people who were arrested but never convicted of a crime

**This isn't a new idea**
Other jurisdictions in Illinois already offer protections for people with records. In municipalities like Urbana, IL, people with records are considered a protected class in housing-related transactions, and the use of criminal histories in housing decisions is expressly prohibited.

**This is a common sense, basic step**
We all want to live in a fair, safe community where people can build good lives.

#JustHousing

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Home is the cornerstone from which people build better lives for themselves and their families. People with records, like everyone else, deserve a place to call home.

Fact sources: The Sentencing Project, Vera Institute of Justice, Center for American Progress