

ATTACHMENT A



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City Manager, Jeff Barton
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RE: Add On Item – Ordinance to Ban Source of Income Discrimination in Housing

City Manager Jeff Barton,

We believe that discrimination has no place in Phoenix. It is imperative we act urgently to address the issue of discrimination in housing in our city. Seven of the eight members of the Phoenix City Council and the Mayor are all in agreement that the denial of rental tenants based on their source of income goes against the fundamental civil right to fair housing. *Now is the time for us to act.*

Over the past few weeks, we have heard numerous testimonies from Phoenix residents who have shared personal discriminatory experiences related to housing. Too often, the practice of considering a source of income is used to discriminate against renters who use housing vouchers, Social Security disability, foster family credits, or benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

At the direction of the City Council, the Law Department has prepared an ordinance to ban the discrimination of housing based on renters' source of income. We are requesting that this ordinance be added as an item on the Formal Agenda scheduled for Wednesday, March 1, 2023, for a full vote of the Phoenix City Council.

Councilwoman Laura Pastor
Phoenix City Council – District 4

Councilwoman Betty Guardado
Phoenix City Council – District 5

Councilmember Carlos Garcia
Phoenix City Council – District 8