

**ALAMEDA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'  
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 26, 2026  
10:30 a.m.

Supervisor Elisa Márquez, Chair  
Supervisor Nate Miley

**Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Suite 512  
Oakland, CA 94612**

**Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99247500951>**

**SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES**

The Public Protection Committee meeting convened at 10:43 a.m. with Supervisor Márquez presiding as Chair. Supervisor Márquez and Supervisor Miley were present.

**I. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Update on the Unincorporated Fair Chance Ordinance**  
[Attachment](#)

Jennifer Pearce, Assistant Director, Housing & Community Development Department, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Fair Chance Ordinance Update.

The purpose of the Fair Chance Ordinance is to reduce housing barriers for people with criminal records by limiting discriminatory screening practices; promote fair housing; reduce recidivism; and address the housing crisis.

From 2020 through 2022, the Housing & Community Development Department held nineteen (19) stakeholder meetings, nine (9) public hearings, with the first reading of Ordinance in December 2022. After the first reading, the work was paused to the Yim v. Seattle case regarding landlord challenges to a Fair Chance Ordinance.

The Housing & Community Development Department with the Office of the County Counsel, will revise the ordinance to comply with the Yim v. Seattle decision. Staff will hold stakeholder meetings after the revisions and will return to the Health Committee for review in the Summer of 2026.

Supervisor Miley urged not to delay core ordinance while legal analysis is conducted; suggested potential future amendment.

**Speakers**

Seven (7) people commented on this item and requested to extend requirements to county-funded projects, and for developers

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- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

**II. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Research Findings from the Berkeley & Oakland Fair Chance Housing Impact Evaluation Study**  
[Attachment](#)

Professor Margaretta Linn of UC Berkeley's Institute of Urban and Regional Development presented findings from the Berkeley and Oakland Fair Chance Housing Impact Evaluation Study. The study examined whether local Fair Chance Housing Ordinances that are designed to prevent housing discrimination based solely on criminal history, are achieving their intended goals.

Prior to the ordinances, individuals with criminal records were routinely denied access to private rental housing, publicly subsidized housing, affordable housing, and Section 8 vouchers solely because of background checks. Public testimony and research showed that this practice contributed directly to homelessness and undermined reentry success. Local research found that 73% of surveyed homeless residents in Oakland had criminal records. Extensive literature also links stable housing to improved reentry outcomes, employment, and public safety.

The ordinances were developed through a nine-month collaborative process involving formerly incarcerated leaders, housing providers, legal experts, and city officials. The laws apply broadly to private and publicly subsidized housing (with limited exemptions) and include due process protections and enforcement mechanisms.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m. on February 26, 2026.