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I oppose this measure due to having supported, testified, and presented evidence against a sexual predator towards a minor, and who was convicted in court of two felony sex abuse charges. Criminals don't have the same rights as upholding community members in professional occupations and dealing with sensitive information while being allowed to present themselves to unsuspecting and trusting citizens in our communities. A professional occupation or license should be required of citizens of moral character without a criminal conviction and trustworthiness is evident to protect our citizens and communities. If the recent case of convicted felon Benjamin Foster who was employed by a local bar and grill had not been allowed to work in that local bar in our community, the lady he almost killed and is still fighting for her life and will never be normal again, she could be healthy and normal functioning person today. I oppose criminals being endorsed as licensed professional and occupational members of our community.