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Your Comments or Concerns

On September 19th Senator Tan Parker addressed Chelsea Buchholtz, TREC Executive Director, during the Sunset Advisory Commission meeting. He asked her how TREC deals with criminal backgrounds or convictions. She claimed TREC has a very thorough licensing process.

Many of us have deep and growing concerns about the direction licensing and renewals have taken since 2020. If you've ever read an application order or disciplinary action where you immediately thought that the criminal issue should have cost or prevented the license, you have a chance to make your voice heard.

How is it, in case after case, TREC staff document that an applicant or licensee has lied about their criminal history, after having committed assault, fraud, forgery, theft, trafficking, substance abuse or dealing, and then justifies a decision by saying the same person "enjoys a good reputation for honesty, trustworthiness, and integrity"? Why do 3 recommendation letters from "friends and family" weigh so much more in decisioning than the actual evidence? Why is an offense only worth a small fine and a few CE hours to TREC when the same is subsequently classified as a felony by the criminal justice system?

We have no shortage of license holders in the State of Texas. Where is the drive for Consumer Protection over leniency for those who have already betrayed consumers and/or violated licensing law? Sellers have little protection when entering into a consumer centric promulgated contract and TREC further puts them at risk by allowing licensees with criminal backgrounds inside the home and to be a fiduciary to a party of the contract.

Your Proposed Solution

Commission members: Please do a thorough review of TREC's licensing practices. Put stringent polices and procedures in place that prevent and disallow an applicant or licensee has lied about their criminal history, after having committed assault, fraud, forgery, theft, trafficking, substance abuse. Imagine you are the seller of your home and I as your listing agent say: Remember, there is no guarantee that the professional licensed by TREC representing the buyer is not a convicted felon and please remember to clean the breakfast dishes out of the sink.
Thank you for your consideration to this growing concern.

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Yes