



Victory! New York City Bans Discriminatory Employment Credit Checks!

Campaign Media Snapshot

THE Nation.

New York City Just Outlawed Running Credit Checks on Job Applicants

April 20, 2015

New York's City Council just voted overwhelmingly to outlaw the common practice of letting employers prejudice people based on their credit history—passing an unprecedented ban against employers use of workers' credit background data.

Sarah Ludwig of the **New Economy Project** says, "It's a strong law...and it's going to cover most New Yorkers [and] most jobs by far and away. It's a real civil rights victory."

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

City Acts to Limit Credit Checks

April 16, 2015

A handful of states have banned credit checks by employers, but the laws include broad exemptions, said **Josh Zinner**, co-director of the **New Economy Project**, which helped draft the New York City bill and has been trying to get it passed for three years.

"This practice blocks qualified workers from desperately-needed jobs, including people whose credit was damaged because of medical debt, layoffs, divorce" and other life events, he said.

CITY LIMITS

Advocates Hail NYC Credit-Check Ban as Strongest in the U.S.

April 17, 2015

"We are pleased that New York City has withstood pressures by the credit reporting industry and other big business lobbyists to gut this important legislation, and we look forward to working closely with the city to monitor the impact of the few exemptions contained in the bill," the **New Economy Project** said in a statement earlier this week.



Councilman, Expert Discuss Legislation to Make it Illegal for Employers to Run Credit Checks on Job Seekers



DAILY NEWS

City Will Ban Employers from Viewing Credit History of Prospective Workers

April 13, 2015

The City Council is expected to pass a bill Thursday that will make it illegal for employers to check job-seekers' credit history, officials told the Daily News.

...“You’re in a vicious cycle,” said **Sarah Ludwig**, the founder of **New Economy Project**, a nonprofit that worked to get the bill passed. “You can’t get a job to pay your debt, but you can’t pay your debts because you don’t have a job.”

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“The three major credit bureaus...have push-marketed [credit checks] very aggressively. They’ve convinced a lot of employers that this is something they need to look at, but there’s no correlation between job performance and credit history,” said **New Economy Project’s Andy Morrison**.



New Economy Project launched the NYC Coalition to Stop Credit Checks in Employment in 2012. This strong coalition of 79 labor and community groups played a pivotal role in getting NYC’s new law passed. Coalition efforts are now geared to ensuring that the public is well-informed of the new law’s provisions, and to monitoring its implementation and enforcement. See www.creditcatch22.org.

NEW ECONOMY PROJECT’S VIDEO TESTIMONIAL SERIES: NEW YORKERS SPEAK OUT



Shelly, Manhattan

“It’s a form of job discrimination...it’s not fair to judge a person’s ability to perform well in a job based on their credit report.”



Angel, Bronx

“We want to work...you shouldn’t be blackballed because you owe money.”



Ramon, Bronx

“I don’t see any correlation between my skill on the job [and] my credit.”

Hear these New Yorkers’ stories, and those of others, at neweconomynyc.org/video.

More Coverage of our Victory:

The New York Times

New York City Council Votes to Restrict Credit Checks in Hiring

CNN Money

No More Credit Checks for NYC Job Seekers

CBS money watch .COM

NYC Bars the Use of Credit Checks in Hiring

REUTERS

New York City Legislation to Restrict Credit Checks on Job Hopefuls



TELEMUNDO

No Podrán Revisar su Crédito para un Trabajo

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NEW YORK BUSINESS

City Council Passes Bill Outlawing Credit Checks on Job Applicants

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Empleadores no Revisarán Historial de Crédito de Aplicantes

THE NEW YORK OBSERVER

City Council Passes Bill Banning Credit Checks in Hiring

DNAinfo.com

De Blasio Signs Law Banning Use of Credit Checks in Hiring