



**CURREN D. PRICE, Jr.**

December 22, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I, Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr., of the Ninth Council District of the City of Los Angeles (CD 9). I am writing this letter in support of our application for the California Encampment Resolution Grant. As the Councilmember of the district with the second-highest number of homeless individuals in the City of Los Angeles, I have taken every possible measure to provide shelter, services, and permanent housing for our unhoused neighbors.

Last year in May 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. District Judge David Carter ruled that the City of LA relocate thousands of people living near freeways due to risk factors associated with living near freeways such as exposure to carcinogens and pedestrian traffic injuries, and fatalities

In CD 9, there are an estimated 482 people living within 500 feet of a freeway that need to be housed; they are primarily located along the 110 freeway from Manchester to the I-10. To comply with Judge Carter's order, my office developed a plan that would provide approximately 750 beds.

In response to this order, I have since completed 393 shelter beds, with 721 beds currently under construction, we have far exceeded our goal of 750 beds and by the summer of next year, my office will have completed well over 1,114 shelter beds for our homeless community. I am committed to overseeing a robust multifaceted approach to house our unhoused neighbors and restore the public right of way to its intended use.

My strategy includes a mixture of interim shelter housing, tiny home villages, safe sleep sites, affordable and permanent supportive housing. I have even included market-rate Section 8 housing as an element in my charge to find safe shelter for our unhoused community members.

The key to our success is having a dedicated team that can commit to an outreach initiative that will focus on our most sensitive constituency group; the Residential Vehicle dwellers in my district. St. Joseph's Center has a proven track record of success and I am excited to be partnering with them on this initiative to address homelessness in my community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Curren D. Price, Jr." in a cursive script.

**CURREN D. PRICE, JR.**

Councilmember, 9<sup>th</sup> District