

# CURREN D. PRICE, JR.

Los Angeles City Councilmember



THE **NEW 9<sup>th</sup>**



## HOMELESSNESS

### Working to Prevent and End Homelessness

LA City Councilmember Curren Price demonstrates unwavering commitment to addressing the homelessness crisis with a sense of urgency, compassion, and a multifaceted approach. Recognizing the gravity of this pressing humanitarian issue, he has dedicated substantial resources and implemented proven solutions through innovative programs aimed at providing comprehensive support to the unhoused population.

The following highlights the multitude of ways in which Councilmember Price is leading the charge in combating homelessness in Council District 9.

#### IN DEVELOPMENT

**429 units**

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)\* units estimated to be completed by 2024

**659 units**

Affordable Housing (AH)\* units expected to be completed by 2024

**1,212**

Interim shelter beds to be completed by 2024

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# Price Led Initiatives to Support Unhoused Neighbors

### ● Solid Ground

The City's homelessness prevention program, known as "Solid Ground," was implemented in 2020 with the goal of intervening before Angelenos and their families fall into homelessness. Councilmember Price secured the initial \$1 million in start-up funds to pilot the program in his District. Since then, the initiative has grown into a \$5 million Citywide effort. Working in partnership with FamilySource Centers, Solid Ground provides assistance with rent, utility bills, food, and other essential needs on an annual basis.

### ● BIG:LEAP

In 2021, Councilmember Price played a vital role in launching the largest Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) pilot program in the nation. Initially, the Councilmember proposed a \$6 million program specifically designed for Council District 9, which turned into a \$40 million effort, benefitting more than 3,200 households, with nearly one-fourth of the participants coming out of District 9.

Throughout the one-year pilot program, BIG:LEAP became a lifeline for neighbors, providing 12 months of \$1,000 direct cash payments to families who were living in poverty and had been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### ● Safe Parking

In 2015, Councilmember Price successfully established the first Safe Parking location in the City of Los Angeles. Safe Parking offers a secure space for individuals experiencing homelessness to sleep overnight, providing them with access to meals, restrooms, and connections to service providers for support. Building on this achievement, Councilmember Price has since opened two more sites within District 9.

### ● Outreach Efforts

Councilman Price has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars for dedicated teams to provide daily outreach to homeless encampments in District 9. The Council Office works closely with agencies, including the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care System (HOPICS) and Urban Alchemy, to focus on high priority areas throughout the 9th District.

## INNOVATION IN THE 9TH

### ● Lincoln Safe Sleep Village

At the Historic Lincoln Theater on Central Avenue two underutilized parking lots have been converted to provide homeless housing and services in two phases. The first phase, which is currently underway, includes a "safe sleep village" where clients are supplied with new tents and have access to supportive services, hygiene facilities, on-site security and more. The second phase, spearheaded by the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCDD), will include the construction of 112 units of Affordable Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), along with office and commercial space

### ● King Solomon Village

In late 2022, Councilmember Price inaugurated the first-of-its-kind King Solomon Village along Slauson Avenue in District 9. King Solomon Village comprises nearly 100 private dome sleeping pods, each equipped with storage lockers. It also features a designated area for dogs, access to recreational spaces, and crucial social services. This visionary project was made possible, in part, by Councilmember Price's successful acquisition of millions in state funding.

### ● Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA)

A 19,500 square-foot office along South Long Beach Boulevard is being converted into a 300-bed facility for CD 9's unhoused population. The project is anticipated to reach completion by the summer of 2024 and is being overseen by VOALA, which will be responsible for delivering comprehensive, wraparound homeless services. This shelter is expected to assist over 1,500 individuals annually in District 9.