

# CURREN D. PRICE, JR.

Los Angeles City Councilmember



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



## LEGISLATION

### A Proven Leader and Champion for All Angelenos

Since his election to the LA City Council in 2013, Councilmember Curren Price has spearheaded some of the most impactful landmark policies and historic legislation aimed at supporting working-class families. These initiatives include:



**Hotel Living Wage** – Passed in 2014, the hotel living wage ordinance mandates a minimum hourly wage of \$15.37 for employees at hotels with 150 rooms or more in the City. This rate is adjusted annually to account for inflation.



**Citywide Minimum Wage** – Starting July 1, 2016, the Citywide Minimum Wage began a phased increase, ultimately reaching \$15 by 2020 for most workers in Los Angeles. Small businesses, with 25 or fewer employees, reached this milestone in 2021. Additionally, the ordinance mandates employers to offer 48 hours of sick pay and includes protections against retaliation for employees.



**Ban the Box** – Effective 2017, Los Angeles required all employers in the City with 10 or more employees to eliminate the criminal history question from job applications. Employers are prohibited from inquiring about an applicant's criminal record until a conditional offer of employment has been extended.



**Legalization of Sidewalk Vending** – In 2013, Councilmember Price introduced a motion to legalize sidewalk vending, leading to decriminalization by the City Council in 2017. Following extensive debate, the City Council passed an ordinance in 2018 to establish regulations for sidewalk vendors in alignment with Senate Bill 946.

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**Good Food Zone** – In 2020, the City Council initiated the Good Food Zone policy, with the first pilot approved for South LA, championed by Councilman Price. This initiative aims to enhance access to fresh, healthy food in underserved "food desert" areas while fostering economic growth. The zone offers economic incentives, such as reduced business taxes, lower permit fees, and expedited permit services, to establishments providing healthy food options to consumers.



**Hazard Pay** – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to support frontline workers in grocery and drug stores, Councilman Price co-sponsored "Hazard Pay." This local ordinance, passed by the LA City Council in February 2021, granted approximately 26,000 workers in eligible stores (with 10 or more onsite employees and 300 or more nationwide) an extra \$5 per hour for 120 days.



**Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI)** – In 2021, Price initiated the charge to implement a GBI pilot program in Los Angeles. Originally proposed at \$6 million for Council District 9, the program expanded to nearly \$40 million citywide. Roughly 3,200 households received \$1,000 a month for one year in 2022, making it the largest initiative of its kind in the country.



**Fair Work Week** – In December 2022, the City Council passed LA's Fair Work Week ordinance, mandating that large retail businesses with 300 or more employees globally provide 14 days' advance notice of schedules, ensure 10 hours of rest between shifts or offer additional compensation, provide predictability pay, and establish protections against retaliation. Employers must also offer existing employees additional hours before hiring new or temporary workers and provide a "good faith estimate" of the average workweek.