



**CURREN D. PRICE, Jr.**

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3351 Trousdale Parkway, Suite 102  
Los Angeles, CA 90089

RE: USC Graduate Student Worker Union

Dear Provost Guzman,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles and the Ninth District, I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the USC Graduate Student Workers as they bargain their first union contract. Today, workers from across the world are demanding the right to better working conditions and a more just compensation. We have heard the call from tourism workers to movie screenwriters, and now from the Graduate Student Workers of the University of Southern California.

GSWOC-UAW's pursuit to create a more equitable and fair working place is fueled by the thousands of employees that are critical to the University's mission of making higher education an accessible place for all. The unfortunate reality is that despite their tireless efforts that power teaching and research, they remain unable to afford some of the most basic and fundamental necessities.

As they engage in their contract negotiations, my hope is that these employees are met with a fair agreement on union security, as well as the arbitable protections from harassment and discrimination—an ongoing experience that many of them have shared.

As the City Council representative for District Nine and the home of USC, I believe it is in the best interest of all parties and the greater good of our community to reach a fair contract as soon as possible. Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out at (213) 473-7009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Curren D. Price, Jr.'.

Curren D. Price, Jr.  
Los Angeles City Councilmember, District 9