

Motion

On June 13, 2023, the office of the Los Angeles District Attorney filed a criminal complaint against Councilmember Curren Price on ten felony counts of embezzlement, perjury, and conflict of interest. Charter Section 211, Suspension Pending Trial, provides that, pending trial, the Council may suspend any elected officer against whom felony criminal proceedings have been initiated.

The trial on the charges has yet to take place and a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty. The Council must respect that presumption. Pursuant to the Charter, the Council has no authority to remove an elected official from office based on charges alone, but can do so only when and if the official is convicted. However, to preserve the public trust, a Councilmember who has been charged with public corruption should not continue to exercise the powers of City office while such charges are pending.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, pursuant to Charter Section 211, the Council suspend Councilmember Price from the office of Councilmember of the 9th District of the Los Angeles City Council.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Krekorian
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Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: [Signature]

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