



MEET OLIVER UNAKA

CANDIDATE FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AREA 1

Oliver Unaka is an educational leader and community advocate with more than two decades of experience supporting student success across TK–12 and higher education. Having most recently served as Associate Vice President at a private university, he possesses significant depth and breadth of experience in strategic communications. Oliver’s work has advanced local educational agency missions by strengthening student recruitment and retention, supporting a broad array of inclusive initiatives, and engaging diverse communities across Southern California.

Beyond higher education, Oliver has significant experience supporting public education, including public charter schools. As a former K-12 district administrator and a bond measure campaign manager, he has supported urban school districts in enhancing educational offerings in meaningful ways. To date, Oliver has secured roughly \$500 million for public education by managing successful bond measures for Inglewood Unified (Measure GG) and Pomona Unified (Measure P).

Oliver is a staunch advocate for ‘At Promise Youth.’ His leadership has directly impacted thousands of students who otherwise may not have had access to higher education or meaningful career training. He has also been recognized for his decade of service to the National College Resources Foundation, where he mentored students and expanded college access programs, earning the title of “Community Champion” from state and local leaders.

A product of South Central Los Angeles public schools, Oliver graduated from Westchester High after being voted ‘Most Likely to Succeed.’ He went on to matriculate to the University of California at Santa Barbara, graduating with honors in Philosophy. Oliver continued his studies, earning a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from the University of Redlands and a Master in Governance from the California School Boards Association (CSBA). He is also advancing his education with a specialized CSBA Master in Governance focused on county boards of education.

Oliver currently serves as a board member for the California State Bar Association and on the Board of Governors with the California Association of Black School Educators. Additionally, he has held leadership roles with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and other civic organizations dedicated to uplifting youth and advancing educational opportunities.

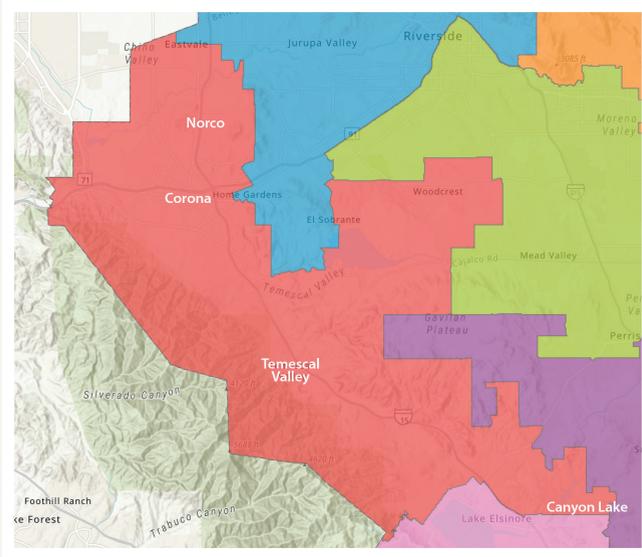
A proud Eastvale (Riverside County) resident since 2008, Oliver and his wife, LaKeisha, met in college and have been together for 27 years. They are raising their two children: Brooke, a freshman (pre-med major) at Howard University, and Carter, who attends a local public high school. His candidacy is grounded in the belief that every student deserves safe schools, high-quality instruction, and a clear pathway to success in college, career/trades, and life.



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TRUSTEE AREA 1

Trustee Area 1 covers the northwest portion of Riverside County, including the cities of Corona, Norco, and Eastvale, along with portions of Riverside USD and Lake Elsinore USD.

The area is one of the fastest-growing regions in the county and is home to a young, diverse population. Local schools serve students from a wide range of cultural and economic backgrounds, including many English learners and first-generation college-bound families.

As a major population center, Trustee Area 1 plays a critical role in shaping educational opportunity and ensuring resources are distributed equitably across Riverside County.

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