

WILMER AMINA CARTER

Bridges That Carried Us
Over Project Co-Founder

Rialto School Board Member

CA State Assemblymember



**Life motto: If you
serve people, people
will serve you.**





"I've never been rich, I've never had a lot of money, but I've always had goodwill from people, and I've always been able to get help from people. And because I never forgot what my grandfather taught me."

-Wilmer Amina Carter

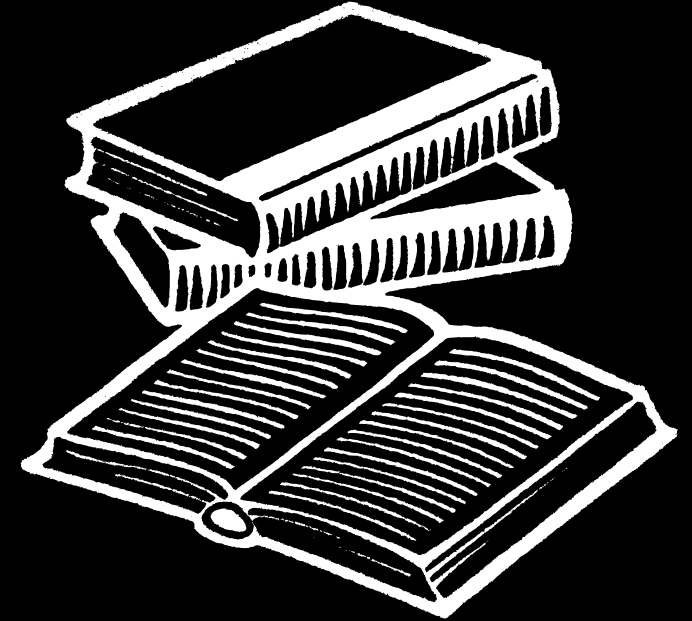


"HIS VOICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN MY HEAD...YOU GOTTA DO SOMETHING. YOU'VE GOTTA PREPARE YOURSELF TO GIVE BACK TO PEOPLE, TO SERVE PEOPLE 'CAUSE OTHERWISE YOU WON'T EVER, EVER REALIZE YOUR DESTINY."

-WILMA AMINA CARTER ABOUT HER GRANDFATHER, HER ROLE MODEL



- Moved to San Bernardino in 1952 from Neshoba County, Mississippi
- One of first black women to work in Caltrans and as a saleswoman at Sears



- Pioneer generation at CSUSB
- Amina pictured on right with an intern on campus



Amina & Ratibu helped
build Kwanzaa in the
Inland Empire

Maulana Karenga
officiated their African
wedding &
recommitment ceremony



Dorothy Inghram & Amina Carter
at book release

Longtime mentor
Lois Carson led
Amina to NCNW

Started
Checkmates
program



ncnw
southern california

Rialto Unified School District

Presents:



An Evening With
The Honorable

Wilmer Amina
Carter

Carter High School
November 15, 2012, 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Amina Carter continues to mentor younger generations throughout the region

Carter High School in Rialto named honor of her legacy



Sources

Bridges that Carried Us Over Project Wilma Amina Oral
Interview

Lois Carson Oral Interview

You can hear Amina's story in her own words here:

<https://scholarworks.lib.csusb.edu/bridges/13/>

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