

Assemblymember Wilmer Amina Carter – Biography

Through legislation and community advocacy, Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter, D-Rialto, is continually working to improve the quality of life for her constituents and for all Californians. She is serving her third term in the California State Assembly, representing District 62, which includes Rialto, Colton, Muscoy, Bloomington and parts of Fontana and San Bernardino.

Assembly Member Carter is creating sustainable communities in her District and in the Inland Empire by advancing green technologies and promoting healthy life choices. She grew up on a farm in rural Mississippi where fresh food was grown collectively. She has since become a cultivator of resources and grant opportunities for a burgeoning community garden movement within her urban Assembly District.

Assembly Member Carter is committed to addressing health care disparities that affect her community and communities throughout the state. To that end, she creates health education opportunities for constituents and community organizations. She co-hosted, with the California Black Legislative Caucus, a Town Hall meeting on health challenges facing minority communities. In addition, she hosted a summit on diabetes and obesity and a forum on health care reform. She also sponsored a conference on making California's healthcare workforce more racially and ethnically diverse.

To highlight the many barriers that African Americans face in seeking mental health services, Assembly Member Carter authored Assembly Concurrent Resolution 150 establishing African American Mental Health Awareness Week in the third week of March.

Her other health-related legislation includes a measure that would have established a local strategic health assessment and planning report and a county pilot program to study juvenile diabetes. She also carried legislation that would have required health care service plans and health insurers to cover a portion of the cost of children's hearing aids. Assembly Member Carter has also guided legislative policy through her service on the state Assembly Health Committee and the Aging and Long-Term Care Committee.