

JOAQUIN J. RIVERA

Occupation:

Community College Chemistry Professor, Skyline College (1990-present)

Education:

M.S., Chemistry University of California, Berkeley, 1990
National Science Foundation Fellowship

B.S., Chemistry, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, 1986
Summa Cum Laude; Antoine Lavoisier Award for excellence in Chemistry; Luis Stefani Raffucci Award for academic excellence; elected to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; Dean's List

Leadership:

- Director, Berkeley Unified School District Board of Education (1996-2008), three terms as President, (1999-2000, 2002-03 and 2006-07) and three as Vice-President, (1998-99, 2001-02 and 2005-06)
- President AFT, Local 1493 (1993-2006)
- Alameda County Democratic Central Committee (2006-2008)
- Vice-President, California Federation of Teachers (1994-2000)
- President, Skyline College Academic Senate (1996-98)
- Commissioner, Berkeley Police Review Commission (1993-96)

Awards:

- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, U.C. Berkeley, 1990
- Phi Theta Kappa Outstanding Teaching Award, Skyline College, 2000
- Community College Leadership Award

Berkeley Unified School District Board Activities:

- District Literacy Committee
- Audit Committee
- Berkeley Adult School WASC Committee
- Berkeley Adult School Community Advisory Committee
- Biotechnology Partners Advisory Committee
- District English Learners Advisory Committee
- Improving Programs for English Language Learners Planning Team
- Citizens Budget and Finance Committee
- School District/City 2 x 2 Committee
- Berkeley Alliance Executive and Student Achievement Committees
- Association of California Urban School Districts
- Minority Student Achievement Network

CSBA Activities:

- Delegate, California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly (1999-2008)
- Masters in Governance
- Presenter, 2007 CSBA Annual Conference
- CSBA/CSTA Joint Task Force on Science (2005)
- Region 7 Working group on Achievement Gap
- Federal Issues Council (2004)
- CSBA Policy Platform Committee (2000)
- Nominating Committee (member 2001, chair 2002)
- Legislative Committee (2002 and 2003)
- Facilitator- Policy Platform breakout session
- CSBA Urban School Districts Council (2001-2008)
- Legislative Network
- Governmental and Federal Governmental Relations Chair
- Legislative Action Conference
- Delivered the Inspiration at the December 2000 Delegate Assembly
- California High School Exit Exam Standard Setting Committee (2001, 2003)
- California High School Exit Exam and Golden State Examination Community Review Committees