

ROSA JIMENEZ

FOR SECONDARY VP Unity & Strength Unity & Strength

ABOUT ME

I became a mom and a teacher at the same time, graduating from UCLA TEP when my child was 2 months old. Fighting for a transformed public education system is deeply personal for me. Now, my kid is a 9th grade LAUSD high school student and I am the UTLA North Area Chair. For the past 15 years, I have worked to build socially and racially just Community Schools in Los Angeles. At the UCLA Community School, I have led work around culturally relevant curriculum, governance structures for distributive leadership, alternative assessments, and parent/student engagement.





- Co-Chair of the Community Schools Steering Committee
- Member of Students Deserve (formerly the Coalition for Educational Justice), organizing parents and students against standardized testing, reconstitution, pink slips, and for a vision of schools that decriminalizes Black and brown students and meets the needs of the whole child
- Represented Students Deserve and UTLA in the founding of Reclaim Our Schools LA
- Member of ROS-LA Steering Committee alongside partner organizations as we began building what is now a powerful labor-community partnership
- Working alongside UCLA researchers to examine how Community Schools can play a role in the retention of BIPOC teachers
- UCLA TEP Mentor Teacher, helping young educators understand their roles as community teacher organizers
- Engaging with immigrant students, Newcomers, and the UCLA Legal Clinic around bilingual curriculum/instruction and mental health supports



"I MET ROSA AT A RIF TEACHER MEETING IN 2008. WE WERE FIGHTING TO SAVE NEW TEACEHRS' JOBS. EVER SINCE THEN, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER TO PUSH UTLA TO BE A MORE PROGRESSIVE UNION. ROSA TOOK ON THE ROLE OF AREA CHAIR AFTER I BECAME AN OFFICER, AND I AM EXCITED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING WITH HER ON THE UNITY & STRENGTH OFFICER TEAM VOTE FOR POSSIVE