Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver (1952-2023)

Sheila Y. Oliver was New Jersey's 2nd Lieutenant Governor from January 16, 2018 until her passing on August 1, 2023. She made history as the first African American woman to serve as Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly in 2010 and as the first to hold statewide office when she was elected as the State's second Lt. Governor in 2017 and reelected in 2021. Oliver had a diverse career across public, non-profit, and private sectors, and also taught many college courses. She was Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs from 2018-2023 and led initiatives for fair housing, community revitalization, and homelessness prevention in Atlantic City and across the state. She was an advocate for social justice, women's equality, and education.

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