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Larry DiCara is among Boston's most recognized civic leaders. A frequent speaker at colleges, universities and other venues, as well as a regular go-to source in Boston media, Mr. DiCara has taught at Harvard, Boston University and the University of Massachusetts. For more than 40 years, Mr. DiCara has practiced real estate and administrative law and has been intimately involved with the development process in and around Boston.

In addition to practicing law, Mr. DiCara has also taught at Harvard University, Boston University, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Mr. DiCara has served as president or chairman of a number of charitable and civic organizations and has received numerous awards and recognitions. Currently, Mr. DiCara serves as a consultant to owners and developers before the Boston Redevelopment Authority and most every other city and state agency in the Commonwealth. He has extensive experience counseling clients on legislative matters at the federal and state levels. He frequently travels to Washington, D.C. to represent clients and, on several occasions, he has been named Special Counsel to Massachusetts House of Representatives, with respect to redistricting.

In his 2013 political memoir, [Turmoil and Transition in Boston](#), Mr. DiCara describes how he was affected personally and politically by the 1970s federally mandated policy that required Boston public school students to be reassigned to schools around the city in order to achieve racial integration. From 1972 to 1981, DiCara was a member of the Boston City Council. In 1978, he was the Council President. When he took office at the age of 22, he became the youngest person to ever serve on the Boston City Council. In 1978, DiCara was President of the Boston City Council, as well as a candidate for Treasurer and Receiver-General of Massachusetts. He finished second in the Democratic Primary behind incumbent Robert Q. Crane. In 1983 he was a candidate for Mayor of Boston. He finished in fourth place with 9.09% of the vote. In 1992, he was an unsuccessful candidate for Chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party.

Mr. DiCara has degrees from the University of Massachusetts, LL.D., (Hon.); Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, MPA; Suffolk University Law School, JD; and Harvard College, AB, *cum laude*. In 1966, he attended Massachusetts Boys State and was elected to represent Massachusetts at American Legion Boys Nation. A graduate of the Boston Latin School, Mr. DiCara is a native of Dorchester and currently resides in Boston.