

## **J. Larry Mayes**

J. Larry Mayes has over a decade of experience working with government officials, elected officials, and community leaders, with a focus on driving community change. Mayes has currently held the position of Vice President of Programs for Catholic Charities since 2010, during which time he has been active in supporting teen and adult education, developing new poverty strategies, and working with the legislature on securing funding for child care facilities and advocating for the state minimum wage increase. Mayes served as the Cabinet Chief of Human Services under the Menino Administration from 2004 to 2010. In that role he led joint government/community based initiatives to reduce crime and stabilize communities, launched a campaign to counter “Stop Snitching” sentiment, and expanded access to summer programming for youth. Mayes has served on the boards of several human services organizations, including Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, The Greater Boston Food Bank, and Tenacity.