



Larry Washington for State Committee

Larry was born and raised in what was then rural Chester County, graduating from Downingtown Area Senior High School (now Downingtown West). He was active in student government and the community through his church and the NAACP during a period of profound social change with the push for equality and justice for all Americans. It was this period of vision and courage that laid the foundation of his understanding of what America could and should be for all its citizens and residents, and that continues to guide him today.

Larry earned his undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology from Andrews University, then his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. He was a vocal advocate for the University to divest of any companies doing business in and propping up the apartheid system in South Africa. He participated in demonstrations on campus and at the South African Embassy, and worked with the Institute for Public Representation, a Law Center clinical program that served as a legal advocate for social change for underserved groups.

Larry joined the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office of Consumer Advocate, working to protect consumers from unfair and unreasonable utility rate hikes and poor service. Hoping to have a greater impact, he became legal counsel to the Democratic Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and ultimately, served as Deputy Chief Counsel and Executive Director for Policy for the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Today Larry continues to work in areas of public service through his church and community organizations, helping organize youth events for children in poor communities and advocating for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. He currently serves on the Board of the Melton Center and is a member of the RACE Group. He believes that the progressive voices in Chester County are not simply about political discourse, but about changing people's lives for the better in real and tangible ways.