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Mr. Giaimo has appeared in front of permitting boards in well over 100 Massachusetts communities. His many years of service on numerous local boards, including as past chair of his local planning board and the zoning board of appeals and currently as a select man, give Mr. Giaimo an appreciation of the view from the other side of the table and have assisted him in successfully permitting many controversial projects.

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