## Raul L. Martinez, Former Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Host of Sin Mordaza con Raul Martinez



**May 2021 to Present- Host of Sin Mordaza con Raul Martinez, YouTube and Facebook** Monday – Thursday 4-5:30 PM

#### Nov. 2017 to April 2021- Director and Host of La Hora del Regreso, Caracol Radio 1260 Responsible for all aspect of programing and the host broadcast journalist. The program is 4 hours long.

2005 – Present – President and Principal Officer of R & A Group LLC

**1981 to 2005 – Mayor of the City of Hialeah** – As Executive Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Florida oversaw, guided and managed all aspect of City government managing 2,000 employees. Hialeah is the 6<sup>th</sup>, largest city in the State of Florida and one of the largest Spanish speaking population in the country.

### 1987 to 1988 – President of the Florida League of Cities

**1977 to 1981 – City of Hialeah Councilman** – Second Cuban – American elected to the City of Hialeah Council. Played an important role in the cultural assimilation processes of thousands of Cubans who had settled in the City after arriving as political refugees to South Florida. Served as liaisonwith County, State and Federal Government during the 1980 Mariel boat lift.

# **1961 to 1981- Founder, Publisher and Editor of El Sol de Hialeah Newspaper-** The newspaperwas the first Spanish newspaper ever published in the City of Hialeah, Florida. As such, the publication played a very special role in informing the citizens of Hialeah with an ever-increasing Spanish population and became a source of accurate and important weekly news for the community.

### **EDUCATION**

Florida International University, Bachelor Degree in Science – Criminal Justice- 1977 Miami-Dade Community College, Associate in Arts – 1975

### OTHER GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Florida State Commission of Hispanic Affairs-Chairman-Appointed by Governor Graham
- Governor Commission of State Wide Prosecutors Functions
- Democratic Policy Commission on Defense and Foreign Policy
- State Comprehensive Planning Committee Appointed by Governor
- Florida League of Cities- for Dade County and State of Florida- President and member
- Member of the National Democratic Committee
- Member of Florida Democratic Committee