

Richard F. Martin

Richard Martin has lived in the city of Sarasota since 1979. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness, the lead agency of the Continuum of Care as designated by the United States Office of Housing and Urban Development and the State of Florida Department of Children and Families. He served as City of Sarasota Commissioner from 2001-2005, serving as Mayor 2004-2005, and has worked for over 30 years as a manager of residential and commercial real estate, and as a planner specializing in eminent domain. He studied at Manatee Community College, graduating Summa Cum Laude, and has studied at New College of Florida with concentrations in Urban & Environmental Studies.

Currently Mr. Martin serves as a member of the:

- Florida Coalition on Homelessness Policy Committee
- Sarasota County Community Alliance (Homeless Representative)
- Sarasota County Community Alliance Economic Self-Sufficiency Work Group, Co-Chair
- Sarasota County Tourist Development Arts/Cultural Policy Committee
- Sarasota Housing Authority Advisory Committee
- The University of Florida/IFAS Sarasota County Extension Overall Advisory Board
- Sarasota Reading Festival
- WSLR-LP (96.5) Community Advisory Committee

As City of Sarasota Commissioner from 2001-2005, serving as Mayor 2004-2005, Mr. Martin served on the following:

- American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Honorary Chairman
- Arts Day 2005, Honorary Chairman
- Florida League of Cities
- Florida League of Cities Environmental Issues Committee
- Healthy Start of Sarasota County
- HOPE VI Business Work Group, Chair
- Manasota League of Cities
- Manatee/Sarasota Continuum of Care Leadership Council
- Mayors Feed the Hungry Program, Chairman
- Sarasota County Public Safety Policy Committee
- Sarasota Bay Estuary Program Policy Committee
- Sarasota County Coastal Advisory Committee
- Sarasota County Conservation Awards Committee
- Sarasota County Council of Governments
- Water Planning Alliance
- University of South Florida Leadership Council

Mr. Martin has also served as:

- Arlington Park Neighborhood Association, Vice President
- Audubon Society Environmental Business Award Selection Committee
- Citizen Tax Oversight Committee
- City of Sarasota Parks, Recreation and Environmental Protection Advisory Board, Chairman
- Crowley Museum and Nature Center
- Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations (CCNA), Treasurer
- Friends of Arlington Park, Founding Member
- Sarasota Arts Council Community Cultural Task Force
- Sarasota County Community Development Committee, Vice Chairman (2000-2005 Consolidated Plan)
- Sarasota County Healthy Start Coalition
- Sarasota County Tourist Development Arts/Cultural Policy Committee
- Sarasota Reading Festival
- Sarasota School for the Arts & Sciences (SASS), Annual Dinner Chairman