

## **GHCC Statement on Cuba**

The Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was founded by and has been led by various Cuban American leaders since its inception in 1984. Our commitment to individual freedom and economic opportunity and prosperity, which are core American values are ones we embrace boldly and without wavering. We at the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce stand firmly in solidarity with the Cuban community during this difficult and pivotal time in Cuban history. We are inspired by the brave voices expressing their quest for freedom and a new way of life. As immigrants and descendants of immigrants, we understand the yearning and join our voices with Cubans everywhere to proclaim *Patria y Vida!*

Here are a few statements by some of Atlanta's Cuban businesspeople:

- *“As a Cuban American whose family came to the United States in search of liberty and justice, I stand behind the liberation of the Cuban people for a free Democratic Society.”*  
**Rene Diaz, CEO Diaz Foods**
- *“There is nothing I wish for more than to see my fellow countrymen enjoying the liberty and freedom that I have been privileged to in this country. My family and I stand with each and every Cuban that dares to dream of a Cuba Libre.”*  
**Ruben J. Cruz Cruz & Associates**
- *“We must unapologetically and unequivocally stand with the people of Cuba who have bravely, under the most dangerous and frightening circumstances, declared their dreams for a better, freer future for themselves and the next generation. The *Patria y Vida* we know here by the mere privilege of living in a democracy is the same *Patria y Vida* the people of Cuba deserve as well.”*  
**Isabel Gonzalez Whitaker, Presidential Leadership Scholar and founder of Atlanta's only memorial to Latinx, The Sara J. Gonzalez Memorial Park (founding president of the GHCC passed in 2008)**

### ABOUT THE GHCC

Established in 1984, the GHCC is the largest Hispanic-serving chamber of commerce in the Southeast. As an advocate of the Hispanic business community for over 37 years, the GHCC is the voice of Hispanic business across the state of Georgia, proudly serving a diverse membership of corporations and small businesses. For more information about the chamber, please visit [www.ghcc.org](http://www.ghcc.org).

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