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Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer to Receive CFHLA’s Highest Honor

WHO: The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) to honor Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer

WHAT: The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) will recognize Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer as the association’s 2016 Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award recipient at the Saturday, December 10th CFHLA Hospitality Gala. This award is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by CFHLA, in recognition of achievements and contributions to Central Florida’s hospitality industry, as well as the community at large.

Mayor Dyer was selected as this year’s Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award Honoree for his role in the following Hospitality and Community accomplishments in Central Florida:

- Development of the 2007 City of Orlando / Orange County Interlocal Agreement – paving the way for the construction of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts and the Amway Center, as well as providing for critical improvements to the (then) Orlando Citrus Bowl
- Efforts in revising the Interlocal Agreement in 2012 - to expedite Citrus Bowl renovations for sports tourism opportunities, including: additional college football bowl games, Camping World Kickoff series and Copa America Centenario matches.
- Revising the Interlocal Agreement in 2016 - to provide additional support to Visit Orlando, establish a dedicated sports bid fund, improve the Orange County Convention Center and complete Phase II of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts
- Securing both a Major League Soccer franchise (Orlando City Soccer Club) and National Women’s Soccer League (NWSL) franchise (Orlando Pride)
- Revitalization of Downtown Orlando – to the benefit of both residents and visitors to our region
- Leadership in the aftermath of the June 12th Pulse nightclub attack – establishing the OneOrlando Fund which has collected nearly $30 million for Pulse victims’ families and survivors

The award is named after the first CFHLA Board of Directors Chairperson, Charles Andrews, and exemplifies perseverance and dedication to a cause. Mayor Dyer has long been a committed champion of Central Florida’s Hospitality Industry and has become one of the nation’s preeminent mayors, as Orlando has been recognized nationally as a leading city for job growth, diversity and equality.

CFHLA sincerely thanks Mayor Dyer for all of his efforts to improve the City Beautiful and will be honored to present him with the 2016 Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award at the December 10th CFHLA Hospitality Gala.

WHEN: Saturday, December 10, 2016
Begins: 6 PM
Concludes: Midnight

WHERE: Loews Sapphire Falls Resort at Universal Orlando
6601 Adventure Way, Orlando, FL 32819

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*Please note: This is a CFHLA Members-Only event

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association is the world’s largest regional hotel association, representing approximately 80% of the lodging rooms in Orange, Osceola and Seminole Counties.