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OLSZEWSKI

On Thursday, August 24th, Members of the **CFHLA Political Action Committee** (CFHLA-PAC) met with the winner of the August 15th State House District 44 Republican Primary, **Robert "Bobby O" Olszewski**, to discuss a number of **Central Florida Hospitality Industry priorities** including the importance of **VISIT FLORIDA** and preservation of the **Tourist Development Tax (TDT)**.

Following this productive conversation, members of both the CFHLA-PAC and CFHLA-PC Boards of Directors voted to approve an endorsement of **Olszewski's House District 44** General Election campaign, scheduled to occur on **Tuesday, October 10th**.

LINKS OF INTEREST

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State of Florida House of Representatives

Orange County

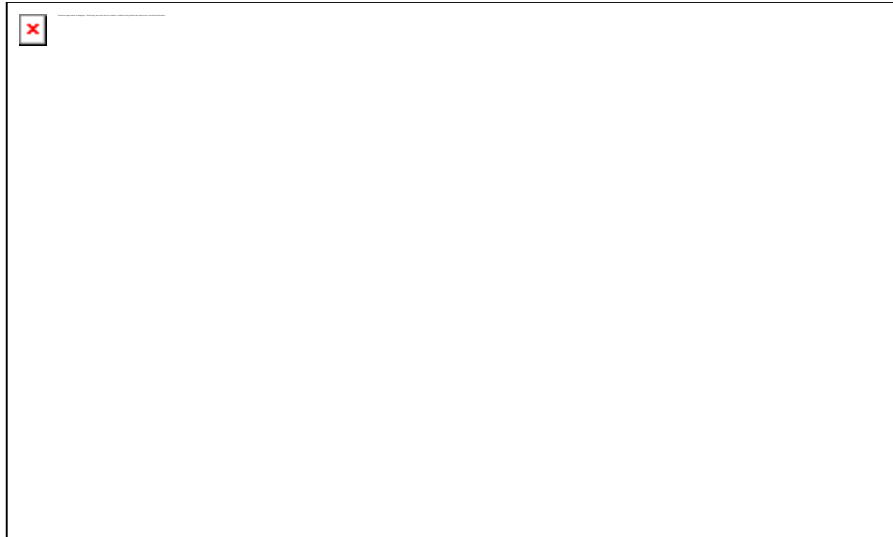
Osceola County

Seminole County

City of Orlando

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City of Sanford



CFHLA-PAC Chair Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort Disney Springs Resort Area/Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area, CFHLA-PAC Endorsed Candidate for State House District 44 Robert "Bobby O" Olszewski, CFHLA Board First Vice-Chair Fred Sawyers, General Manager of the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort

To learn if you reside in House District 44, please [click here](#).

To view all 2017 CFHLA-PAC Endorsed Candidates, please [click here](#).

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Thursday, September 28th

Registration / Golf Bag Check: 11:30AM - 12Noon
Luncheon / Live Auction: 12Noon - 1:00PM
Golf Shotgun Start: 1:15PM

Grand Cypress Golf Club

One North Jacaranda, Orlando, Florida 32836



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Not a Golfer? Luncheon Tickets are \$35 Per Person

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AJIT

On Wednesday, August 9th, Members of the **CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee** met with Orange County Administrator, **Ajit Lalchandani**, to gain insight on a number of Hospitality-related Orange County projects and initiatives.

At this meeting, held at the **B Resort & Spa Lake Buena Vista** (Thank you, **Keith Wolling**), Lalchandani and the Committee discussed, among other items, Orange County's recently initiated Application Review Committee, the Orange County Convention Center's Master Plan, the proposed County "Sports Bid" fund (and Committee) and the 2019 MLS All Star Game.

In September the GA Committee will be joined by **Florida Restaurant &**

leaders to strategize and establish **CFHLA's 2018 Legislative Priorities**.



(left to right) CFHLA Board Historian Peter Kacheris, Managing Director of the Bonnet Creek Resort (Waldorf Astoria Orlando / Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek), CFHLA GA Committee Chairman Bruce Skwarlo, General Manager of the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, Orange County Administrator Ajit Lalchandani, CFHLA Board Secretary Keith Wolling, Area General Manager of the B Resort & Spa Lake Buena Vista and CFHLA Board First Vice-Chair Fred Sawyers, General Manager of the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort

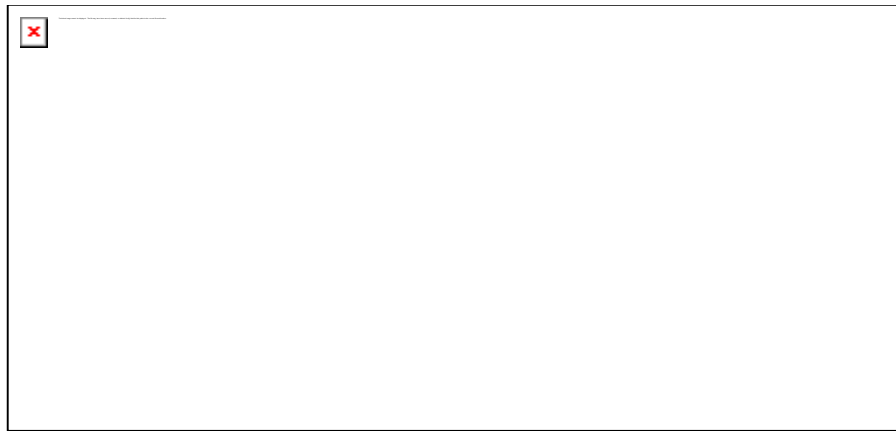
OSCEOLA

On Thursday, August 17th, **Osceola County Property Appraiser Katrina Scarborough** met with Osceola County CFHLA Lodging Members to discuss rising property appraisals in Osceola County.

At this meeting, held at the **Bohemian Hotel Celebration (Thank you, Ron Nagy)**, Scarborough indicated that lodging property values in Central Florida (and across the state) are rising exponentially, as seen in recent years in Orange County.

Scarborough and the Members in attendance had a productive conversation, with the Property Appraiser sharing details on the assessment process, the role that the State Department of Revenue plays in determining valuations and showing how hoteliers (and others) can appeal their property's valuation.

For any Osceola County businesses interested in petitioning their valuations, please visit **Osceola County's Value Adjustment Board petition website** by clicking **here**.



Osceola County Property Appraiser Katrina Scarborough (center) with
CFHLA Osceola County Hoteliers

HOUSEKEEPING

Attention all Lodging General Managers: Please note that the week of **September 10-16** is **International Housekeeping Week!**

Each year, one week is designated to recognize the **incredible** and **hardworking** individuals working in lodging Housekeeping departments. As Central Florida continues to grow its reputation as one of the world's **most visited destinations**, please take time during **September 10-16** to "salute" the housekeepers that play such an important customer service role which keeps visitors returning to our region.

On August 28th, **City of Orlando Mayor Dyer** and the **Orlando City Council** publicly thanked Orlando-area housekeepers for all they do to preserve Orlando's tourism "**brand**", by presenting an "**International Housekeeping Week**" **Proclamation** to a number of CFHLA Lodging General Managers and Housekeeping staff members.

CFHLA thanks the City of Orlando and Mayor Dyer for once again recognizing Central Florida's housekeepers.



RACING

A Miami-based organization is seeking to open a racecourse, "Orlando Motorsports Park," in Osceola County along **West US 192** and nearby **State Road 429** accessible to private sports car owners and local residents.

Currently, the ownership group is attempting to gain **Osceola County** approval on a noise variance that would allow sport cars and other exotic cars to operate on the site that may otherwise exceed the existing allowed noise levels at such a property.

Recently, CFHLA staff attended a Community Meeting organized by Osceola County that allowed for comment from both representatives of **Orlando Motorsports Park** and nearby stakeholders concerned about potential noise pollution.

On behalf of **CFHLA's Osceola County lodging members**, CFHLA will continue to monitor the progress of this development to ensure that the interests of Osceola County's Hospitality Industry remain **protected**.

TPS

CFHLA staff is monitoring the ongoing concern relating to the January 22, 2018 federal government "**expiration date**" of the **Temporary Protected Status** (TPS) granted to the 58,000-plus Haitian nationals currently residing in the US on the program.

With many of these impacted individuals working in Central Florida's Hospitality Industry, CFHLA distributed letters in early May to **US Senators Marco Rubio** and **Bill Nelson**, in addition to **Governor Rick Scott**, expressing the Association's support for an extension of the TPS program. Additionally, CFHLA staff contacted the offices of **US Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy** and **Senator Rubio** as recently as **August 1st** to express concern relating to the upcoming **January 2018 deadline**.

The **CFHLA Board of Directors** will be discussing this issue at the **September 26th Board Meeting** to strategize what steps can be taken to continue advocating for the extension of the TPS for **Haitian nationals**.

LINKS


political interests of the Hospitality Industry:

[Richard Corcoran Has Tough Words for a Dozen Local Tourism Councils](#)

[Hotel Association Endorses Orlando Incumbents, Bobby Olszewski](#)


[Florida sets all-time tourism record in first half of 2017](#)

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