GA COMMITTEE

On October 13th, the CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee met and approved the proposed 2022 Legislative Priorities with industry partners from across the region at Delaney's Tavern (thank you, Jackie Bozzuto from Lowndes)! Our main focus for the upcoming legislative session will be protecting the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) and the long-term continuation and funding of Visit Florida. These priorities along with several other important legislative issues, will be presented to our board of directors for approval in November.

The next CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10th with special guest State Representative Travaris McCurdy. Thank you to Elizabeth Watkins and Walt Disney World for being our host!

REGIONAL TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX UPDATE

Recently, Orange and Osceola released their August 2021 Tourist Development Tax collection numbers.

Orange County TDT

In August 2021, Orange County collected $16,462,100 in Tourist Development Tax, which is a 184% increase over August 2020! August collections typically dips in August as students return to school. However, TDT collections dropped more than expected this August as COVID-19 cases surged...
in Florida. Collections remain significantly above where they were at the beginning of the pandemic.

For more information on Orange County TDT numbers, please [CLICK HERE].

**Osceola County TDT**

In August 2021, Osceola County collected $4,834,326 in Tourist Development Tax, which is the highest ever recorded for the month of August! This is addition to June and July, which were record-breaking months for Osceola County.

**STATE OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS**

CFHLA is looking forward to once again, partnering with Orange County Public Schools, to host the 2021 State of Orange County Schools on Friday, November 12th! This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about OCPS's growth, performance, and their impact within our local community.
CLICK HERE to register.

To purchase a sponsorship for this event, please CLICK HERE.

SAVE THE DATE

The Economic Impact & Tourism in Sports

Friday, November 12, 2021
11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Citrus Club
255 S Orange Ave STE 1800, Orlando, FL 32801

A panel discussion luncheon

Free for Members
$45.00 plus Processing Fee for Non-Members
CITY OF ORLANDO ELECTIONS

Just a friendly reminder that the City of Orlando elections will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Recently, the CFHLA PAC/PC made the following endorsements in each of the races for City Council Districts 1, 3 and 5. Each of these candidates have earned our support, as they understand the importance of the hospitality industry, which provides thousands of jobs and brings in billions in spending to Central Florida’s economy.

CLICK HERE to read our endorsement for Jim Gray.
CLICK HERE to read our endorsement for Robert Stuart.
CLICK HERE to read our endorsement for Regina Hill.
PAC/PC MEETING

The next CFHLA PAC/PC Board of Directors meeting will take place at the CFHLA Offices on Wednesday, October 27th from 8:15 AM - 9:15 AM.

DONATE

CFHLA MEMBERS - Please consider making a donation of $50 via the link below to the CFHLA-PAC to support its efforts in supporting and endorsing Hospitality-Friendly candidates in the State of Florida.

As a reminder, all CFHLA Board Members, PAC Board Members, and ARC Board Members have committed to contributing $100 to the CFHLA-PAC in 2021. If you are a part of one or more of these groups, please fulfill your invoice today, or pay via the link above.

IN THE NEWS

International travel to resume next month, boosting hope in Central Florida’s tourism industry (Orlando Sentinel)

U.S. sets date to reopen international borders for travelers — a boon for Orlando (Orlando Business Journal)

Visit Florida to seek at least $75 million, extension (Tampa Bay Times)
Legislature trying again for statewide vacation rental regulation

Gov. DeSantis calls for special session to combat federal vaccine mandates (WCTV)

Hotels to housing: Osceola County sets new standards on hotel conversions (WKMG)