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PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Tuesday, August 30th was **Primary Election Day** and Central Florida voters put Democracy "in action" to decide several important and contested races.

CFHLA would like to **CONGRATULATE** the following CFHLA-Endorsed Candidates who were officially **ELECTED** Tuesday Night to the following offices:

[FL HOUSE, DISTRICT 45](#)
KAMIA BROWN (D)

[ORANGE COUNTY COMPTROLLER](#)
PHIL DIAMOND (D)

[ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 3](#)
PETE CLARKE (Incumbent)

[ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 4](#)
PAM GOULD (Incumbent)

[ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 5](#)
KATHLEEN "KAT" GORDON (Incumbent)

CFHLA would like to **CONGRATULATE** the following CFHLA-Endorsed Candidates who were victorious in their Tuesday Night primaries and will advance to the **GENERAL ELECTION**

Representatives

Orange County

Osceola County

Seminole County

City of Orlando

City of Kissimmee

City of Sanford

on **Tuesday, November 8th:**

FL HOUSE, DISTRICT 48
AMY MERCADO (D)

FL HOUSE, DISTRICT 50
RENE "COACH P" PLASENCIA (R)

FL SENATE, DISTRICT 11
RANDOLPH BRACY (D)

SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 5
BRENDA CAREY (R-Incumbent)

OSCEOLA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER
KATRINA SCARBOROUGH (D-Incumbent)

OSCEOLA COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 1
PEGGY CHOUDHRY (D)

OSCEOLA COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 3
BRANDON ARRINGTON (D-Incumbent)



CFHLA PAC/PC Board Members attending Phil Diamond's Victory Party at CFHLA Member Orlando Brewing



Newly Elected State Representative Kamia Brown takes a moment to

thank the CFHLA PAC/PC Board Members at her Victory Party



CFHLA endorsed candidate Betsy VanderLey is pictured with CFHLA PAC/PC Board Members



Incumbent Orange County School Board Member Pamela Gould is congratulated on her re-election by members of the CFHLA PAC/PC Board

On behalf of CFHLA PAC/PC Board Chairman **Jay Leonard** of the [Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort at Disney Springs](#), CFHLA "salutes" the following Members for representing the Association at four victory parties on the night of the Primary Election:

Cindy Andrews
[Sunbrite Outdoor Furniture](#)

Michael Hanley
[Wealth Management Strategies of Central FL](#)

Dan Kline
[Magical Memories® Villas](#)

Rick Patterson

[Associated Planners Group](#)

Chuck Simikian
[Paramount Hospitality Group](#)

Jeff Swirsky
[Floridays Resort Orlando](#)

Duane Winjum
[International Palms Resort & Conference Center](#)

Keith Wolling
[B Resort & Spa Lake Buena Vista](#)

The CFHLA-PAC extends a **THANK YOU** to **E.J. Gregg** and the **Brio Tuscan Grille at the Mall at Millenia** staff for hosting the CFHLA-PAC Attendees for a small gathering prior to visiting Primary Election Night Parties.

ORANGE COUNTY

In two **Orange County Commission** races, the District 1 and District 5 seats, no candidates were able to achieve the 50% + 1 vote needed to secure Election on Tuesday night.

In District 1, the two candidates receiving the most votes to replace the seat vacated by **termed-out Commissioner Scott Boyd**, Winter Garden **Commissioner Bobby "O" Olszewski** and CFHLA-Endorsed **Candidate Betsy VanderLey**, will advance to the November 8th General Election Ballot.

Below are the unofficial results of Tuesday's Primary for the District 1 Seat:

Nuren Haider: 10.94%

Dr. Usha Jain: 8.07%

Bobby "O" Olszewski: 35.45%

Betsy VanderLey: 45.54 %

In the District 5 race, incumbent and CFHLA-Endorsed **Commissioner Ted Edwards** will continue campaigning for the November 8th Election where he will face challenger Emily Bonilla.

Below are the unofficial results of Tuesday's Primary for the District 5 Seat:

Emily Bonilla: 27.65%
Commissioner Ted Edwards: 42.30%
 Greg Eisenberg: 7.57%
 Timothy McKinney: 22.48%

SIMMONS

On Wednesday, August 10th, the **CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee** met with **State Senator David Simmons**, one of CFHLA's most powerful allies in Tallahassee as it relates to protecting Central Florida's Hospitality Industry and the Tourist Development Tax (TDT).

CFHLA GA Committee Members shared with Senator Simmons the Association's potential upcoming efforts to **repeal the 2016 legislation** that expanded the uses of the **Tourist Development Tax** that allowed TDT dollars to be utilized for non-Tourism promotion purposes. CFHLA was greatly appreciative of Senator Simmons' vote against this damaging legislation to the integrity of Florida's TDT expenditures.

Senator Simmons also discussed at length the importance of upcoming **water conservation proposals** in the state, including State efforts to purchase land located south of Lake Okeechobee for water storage and treatment.



CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Bruce Skwarlo of the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, State Senator David Simmons, and CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee Member Keith Wolling of the B Resort & Spa Lake Buena Vista

CFHLA "salutes" Senator Simmons for achieving re-election to the State Senate after no individuals qualified for the ballot to oppose the Senator prior to the June 24th candidate qualifying

deadline.

Additionally, CFHLA thanks Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman **Bruce Skwarlo** for hosting this meeting at the [Orlando Marriott Lake Mary](#), and salutes the **2016 Governmental Affairs Committee Sponsor:**



GOLF

The 2016 CFHLA Political Committee's "**Tee It Up for Tourism**" **Golf Outing & Luncheon** is set to occur on **Thursday, September 29th** at the [Waldorf Astoria Orlando Golf Club](#).

This annual CFHLA-PC fundraiser features over a dozen of Central Florida's most respected legislators and allows CFHLA Members the opportunity to **network with Elected Officials** both at lunch and on the course.



State Representative Mike Miller

This year's Keynote Speaker, **State Representative Mike Miller**, is a CFHLA-Endorsed candidate who is one of the Hospitality Industry's strongest voices in Tallahassee.

The CFHLA Political Committee thanks the following Allied Members for serving as sponsors of this activity:

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Mid Florida Golf Cars

For your information, the following teams have registered for this NETWORKING activity:

AAA Parking

Ashberry Water Conditioning

ATMFLA

Bags Parking & Guest Services

Doubletree Suites by Hilton located in the Disney Springs Resort Area

Duct Detectives, Inc.

Edlen Electrical Exhibition Services

Florida Hospital Nicholson Center

Global Sourcing Int'l, LLC

Guard Dog Valves

HoneyDo Commercial Floor Care

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Hyatt Regency Orlando

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Premier Elevator Co., Inc

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Wealth Management Strategies

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A golf foursome may be purchased for \$500 (or \$150 for an individual) and include lunch prior to the shotgun start at 1:30PM.

If you're interested in only attending the Luncheon prior to golf, you may purchase tickets at \$35 per person.

[Please click here to register today and support the CFHLA Political Committee!](#)

HOUSEKEEPING

Time to recognize your housekeeping staff!

September 11th - 17th is International Housekeeping Week and at the September 15th Orlando City Council Meeting, **Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer** will present an official proclamation declaring September 11th - 17th as Housekeeping Week in Orlando.

Mayor Dyer has invited all **Downtown and City of Orlando Lodging Members** to attend with members of their Housekeeping staff so that they may accept this proclamation and participate in a group photograph with Mayor Dyer.

If you or any members of your team are interested in attending, please contact CFHLA Public Policy Director Kevin Craig - publicpolicy@cfhla.org

BILLBOARDS

During the week of **August 21st - 27th**, the **CFHLA Political Action Committee** purchased digital billboard space on a highly visible billboard alongside **Eastbound I-4 next to the Mall at Millenia** to promote **CFHLA's Endorsed Candidates** during the days leading up to the August 30th Primary Election.

Below are images of just a few of the digital billboards encouraging Orlando commuters to support Hospitality-Friendly candidates:





LINKS

Below please find news articles, relating to the political interests of the Hospitality Industry:

[*Ayala Upsets Jeff Ashton for State Attorney*](#)

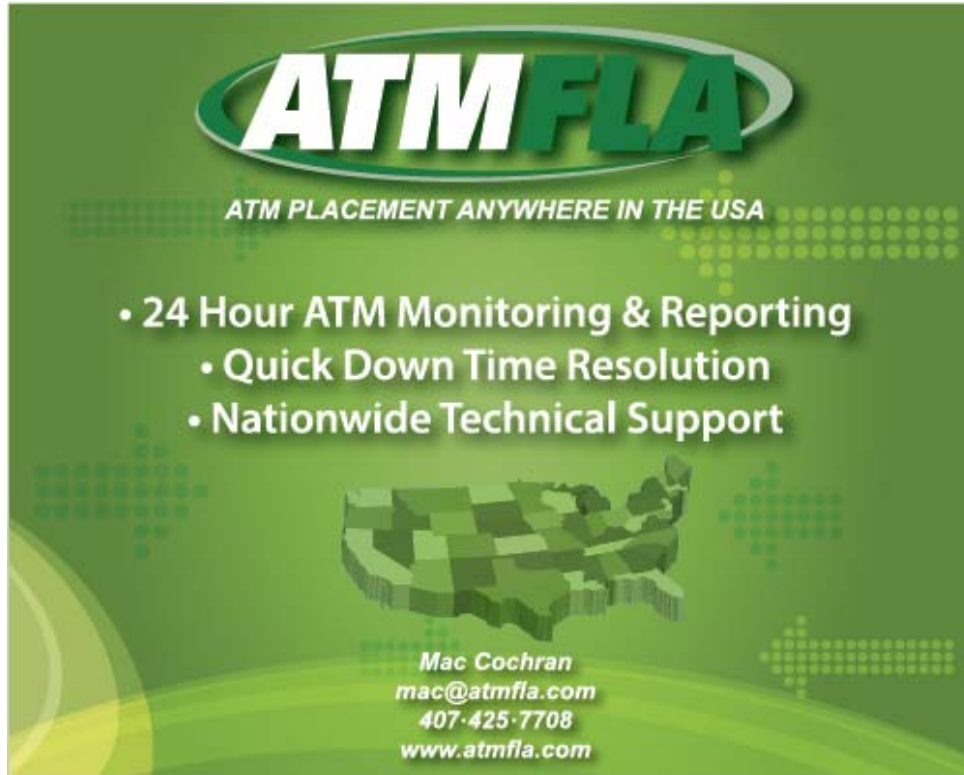
[*Olszewski, VanderLey Head to Run-Off*](#)

[*Darren Soto Wins 9th Congressional District Democratic Primary*](#)

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