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On *Wednesday, October 14th*, the **CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee** met with **State Representative Jennifer Sullivan** (District 31) at the "Rising Star" restaurant located at [Universal Orlando Resort](#) (Thank You John McReynolds).

CFHLA GA Committee Members discussed a number of Hospitality Industry issues with Representative Sullivan, including Film/TV Incentives, "Shared Economy" Companies, Visit Florida funding and Value Adjustment Board (VAB) legislation.

Representative Sullivan, at the age of 23, is the ***youngest member of the Florida Legislature.***

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CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee Vice Chair Bruce Skwarlo of the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, State Representative Jennifer Sullivan, CFHLA Board of Directors Secretary Fred Sawyers of the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resorts and CFHLA Board of Directors Treasurer Doug Ridge of the Orlando World Center Marriott

Importantly, CFHLA thanks the 2015 Governmental Affairs Committee Sponsor, **Maureen Haggerty** of:



LEONHARDT



Fred Leonhardt
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On **Monday, October 19th**, a Memorial Service was held at First Presbyterian Church of Orlando for longtime CFHLA friend and lobbying partner **Fred Leonhardt** of [GrayRobinson](#).

Fred died on October 10th and is survived by Vicki Cook Leonhardt and their children Ashley Leonhardt Lee and Frederick Whitaker Leonhardt and granddaughter Madison Grace Lee.

For the past six years, Fred served as **CFHLA's lobbyist** along with his GrayRobinson team, advocating on behalf of the region's Hospitality Industry interests.

Fred's servant leadership and constant participation throughout the community helped shape Central Florida into the prosperous, successful region that it is today.

Memorials may be offered in memory of Fred Leonhardt to the following groups:

Central Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America:
1951 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka, FL 32703

University of Florida Foundation:
<https://www.uff.ufl.edu/OnlineGiving/>

Delta Chi Fraternity Leonhardt Scholarship:
PO Box 756, Winter Park, FL 32790

CITY OF ORLANDO

A friendly reminder that **Tuesday, November 3** is **Election Day** for **City of Orlando** candidates.

CFHLA has officially endorsed the re-election campaigns of the following Orlando candidates:

Mayor Buddy Dyer

Commissioner Tony Ortiz (District 2)

Commissioner Patty Sheehan (District 4)

Commissioner Sam Ings (District 6)

CFHLA encourages all City of Orlando Members to support these Hospitality-Friendly candidates!



PAC/PC ELECTIONS

All **CFHLA PAC/PC Dues-Paying Members** have received an email requesting nominations for up to **three** PAC/PC Dues-paying individuals to be placed on the **2015 CFHLA PAC/PC Boards Election Ballot**.

The nominating period for the PAC/PC Boards Election ends on this Tuesday, October 27th and the PAC/PC Boards Election Ballot will be distributed to PAC/PC Dues-paying Members on **Tuesday, November 3rd**.

If you have any questions about the CFHLA PAC/PC Boards Election process, please do not hesitate to contact **CFHLA Public Policy Director Kevin Craig** at publicpolicy@cfhla.org.

JOB FAIR

State Representative Bruce Antone (District 46) and **City of Orlando Commissioner Sam Ings (District 6)** will be hosting their annual **Fall Community Job Fair** on **Tuesday, November 10, 2015** from 10AM to 1PM at the **The Dr. James R. Smith Neighborhood Center**.

Representative Antone and Commissioner Ings have invited all CFHLA Members to participate as "exhibitors" at this job fair.

For additional information and to register as an exhibitor, please [click here](#).

PRIORITIES

Recently, the **CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee** drafted the Association's proposed **2016 Legislative Priorities**. The CFHLA Board of Directors will review the GA Committee's recommendations at the November 19th CFHLA Board Retreat, where the 2016 Legislative Priorities will be finalized.

Each year, CFHLA Members travel to the **State Capitol in Tallahassee** to meet with State Representatives and State Senators to lobby on behalf of the Association's Legislative Priorities during **Florida Tourism Day**.

A friendly reminder that 2016 Florida Tourism Day will occur on Wednesday, January 20th.

GOLF

The **CFHLA Political Committee** thanks all CFHLA Members who sponsored, participated and/or contributed to the **2015 CFHLA-PC "Tee It Up For Tourism" Golf Outing & Luncheon** which was held on Thursday, September 24th at [Grand Cypress Golf Club](#).

CFHLA can now officially report that this fundraising event netted a record **\$10,000** for the CFHLA Political Committee, which will utilize these funds to support **2016 "Hospitality-Friendly"** candidates for local and regional office.

LINKS

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

[Seminole Tribe Meets with Florida Gov. Rick Scott as Gaming Deadline Looms](#)

[Survey: Uber, Lyft Should be Regulated Like Taxi Companies](#)

[Big Republican Names Endorse Buddy Dyer in Orlando Mayor Race](#)

[Randolph Bracy Potentially Running for State Senate](#)

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