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TEE IT UP

On **Thursday, September 29th**, the **CFHLA Political Committee** hosted the annual **Tee It Up For Tourism Golf Outing & Luncheon** fundraiser at the [Waldorf Astoria Orlando Golf Club](#) (*Thank you Peter Kacheris*).



The official ribbon cutting ceremony to open the Tee It Up for Tourism Golf Outing

A record **130-plus CFHLA Members** attended this year's event and were joined by a number of Central Florida Elected Officials and CFHLA-Endorsed Candidates for office, including:

Seminole County

City of Orlando

City of Kissimmee

City of Sanford

Peggy Choudhry
CFHLA-Endorsed Candidate for
Osceola County Commission, District 1

Edward DeAguilera
CFHLA-Endorsed Candidate for
Orange County Property Appraiser

Mike Miller
State Representative, District 47

Betsy VanderLey
CFHLA-Endorsed Candidate for
Orange County Commission, District 1

State Representative Mike Miller served as the Keynote Speaker for the pre-golf Luncheon, providing remarks about the importance of **Central Florida's Hospitality Industry**, preserving the integrity of the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) and emphasizing the importance of being politically engaged CFHLA Members.



The CFHLA Political Committee would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of the **2016 Tee It Up For Tourism Golf Outing & Luncheon**:

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CFHLA PAC/PC Board Chairman Jay Leonard of the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort in the Disney Springs Area, State Representative Mike Miller, and CFHLA President / CEO Richard Maladecki



CFHLA Board Member Glen Winsor of the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, CFHLA 2nd Vice Chairman Fred Sawyers of the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin, and Peggy Choudhry, CFHLA-Endorsed Candidate for Osceola County Commission, District 1



CFHLA Incoming Assistant Treasurer Sonja Giselbrecht of the Sheraton Suites Orlando Airport, State Representative Mike Miller, and CFHLA endorsed candidate for Orange County Commission District 1 - Betsy VanderLey



The DoubleTree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal Orlando golf team including CFHLA Board Member Mark Politte

[For additional photographs, please CLICK HERE.](#)

ENDORSEMENTS

A friendly reminder to please support the following
"Hospitality-Friendly" Candidates
to be placed on the General Election ballot on November 8th:

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 28: Jason Brodeur
District 29: Scott Plakon
District 30: Bob Cortes
District 31: Jennifer Sullivan
District 39: Neil Combee
District 42: Mike La Rosa
District 47: Mike Miller
District 48: Amy Mercado
District 49: Carlos Smith
District 50: Rene Plasencia

FLORIDA SENATE

District 11: Randolph Bracy
District 13: Dean Asher
District 15: Victor "Vic" Torres, Jr.

District 25: Joe Negron
District 27: Lizbeth Benacquisto

ORANGE COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Edward DeAguilera

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF

Jerry Demings

ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

District 7: Christine Moore

ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSION

District 1: Betsy VanderLey
District 5: Ted Edwards

OSCEOLA COUNTY COMMISSION

District 1: Peggy Choudhry
District 3: Brandon Arrington
District 5: Fred Hawkins, Jr.

OSCEOLA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

Katrina Scarborough

SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMISSION

District 1: Bob Dallari
District 5: Brenda Carey

ALCOHOL

At the Tuesday, September 13th **Orange County Board of County Commissioners** meeting, **Commissioner Scott Boyd** opened discussions relating to CFHLA's request to amend **Orange County's alcohol ordinance** relating to hours of sale/service.

Last month, CFHLA requested that Orange County change its hours of alcohol sale/service at professional dining and lodging

establishments to begin at 7 AM and conclude at 2 AM, compared to the existing time of 11 AM - 2 AM.

Providing public comment in support of amending the ordinance to expand hours of sale and service were the following CFHLA representatives:

Ron Kerere

Director of Food & Beverage,
Orlando World Center Marriott

Eduard Propst

Executive Assistant Manager of Food & Beverage,
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

Robert Stuart, Jr.

CFHLA Lobbyist,
GrayRobinson

The Commissioners and Mayor Jacobs indicated their willingness to move forward with the proposal, suggesting that a public workshop be scheduled as the first step in amending the County ordinance.

BEWES

On Thursday, September 15th, the **Orlando City Council** voted to delay action on a plan that would require buildings larger than 50,000 square feet to **report their water and electrical usage** annually and receive performance scores.

This mandatory reporting ordinance, the **Building Energy and Water Efficiency Strategy (BEWES)**, has faced significant opposition from the Orlando business community due to its potentially negative economic impact on the city.

On May 2nd, CFHLA sent a letter to Mayor Buddy Dyer and the City Council, advocating that the BEWES ordinance be a **"voluntary, incentive-based" program**.

Another group opposing the BEWES ordinance as it is currently being proposed is the **Building Owners and Managers Association**, who have argued that releasing the energy audit data of older, less efficient buildings could lead to the need for expensive renovations which would drive up residential and commercial rental costs in the city.

Mayor Dyer is expected to bring the ordinance back for review

at an undetermined **October City Council meeting**. CFHLA will continue meeting with City leadership to advocate for a voluntary implementation of this program.

LINKS

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

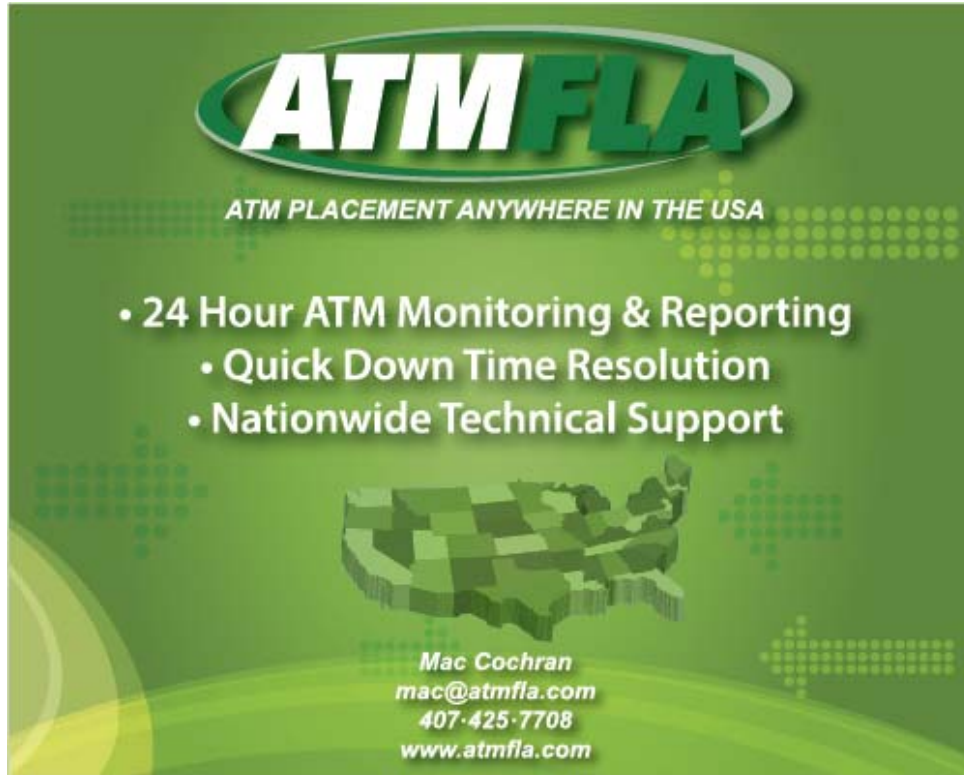
[*Orange County Hoteliers
Want Liquor Laws Changed*](#)

[*Orlando's Plan for Building
Owners to Report Energy Data Stalls*](#)

[*Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs
Endorses Bob Cortes for
Reelection to House District 30*](#)

[*Buddy Dyer Endorses Mike Miller for
Florida House District 47 Reelection*](#)

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