On July 11, the CFHLA Political Action Committee (CFHLA-PAC) finalized its “first slate” of 2018 Endorsements for candidates seeking local and state elected offices.

CFHLA requests your support for the following “Hospitality-Friendly” candidates in the upcoming August 28 Primary Election and November 6 General Election:

**Orange County Mayor**
Jerry Demings

Orange County Commission

District 2: Fred Brummer

District 4: Susan Makowski
District 6: Victoria Siplin

Orange County Sheriff

John Mina

Orange County School Board

Chairperson: Teresa Jacobs
District 1: **Heather Traynham**

District 2: **Chadwick Hardee**

District 3: **Linda Kobert**
Florida House of Representatives

District 28: David Smith

District 30: Bob Cortes

District 44: Bobby Olszewski
District 48: Amy Mercado

District 50: Rene Plasencia

Seminole County Commission

District 2: Jav Zembower
District 4: Joe Durso

Seminole County School Board

District 5: Tina Calderone

Osceola County Commission

District 2: Viviana Janer
District 4: Cheryl Grieb

Non Central Florida Races

FL Senate District 8: Keith Perry

FL Senate District 22: Kelli Stargel

ONE MILL

CFHLA encourages all Orange County CFHLA Members to support the Orange County Public Schools “One Mill” Ballot Question, to be placed
In a CFHLA Resolution signed by Board Chairman Fred Sawyers on July 17, CFHLA formally expressed its support of the initiative to provide continued funding via the “One Mill” ad valorem millage for the next four years.

In the Resolution, Chairman Sawyers expressed that the “Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association believes that the continued local support of Orange County Public Schools through the renewal of the one mill is critical to Orange County’s economic prosperity.”

To view the resolution in its entirety, please click here.

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**ELECTIONS**

Please take note of the following important dates this election year:

**Primary Election Day: Tuesday, August 28**

- Primary Election Vote by Mail Ballots Distributed: July 24
- Primary Election Early Voting Begins: August 17

**General Election Day: Tuesday, November 6**

- General Election Vote by Mail Ballots Distributed: October 2
- General Election Early Voting Begins: October 22

Register to “Vote by Mail” for these important upcoming elections by visiting your appropriate Supervisor of Elections website:

- **Orange County residents:** [https://www.ocfelections.com/votersguide.aspx#ways](https://www.ocfelections.com/votersguide.aspx#ways)
- **Seminole County residents:** [https://www.voteseminole.org/Voters#VoteByMailRequest](https://www.voteseminole.org/Voters#VoteByMailRequest)

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**TEE IT UP**

Join over 100 prominent Elected Officials and Hospitality executives on Thursday, September 20 at Celebration Golf Club for the CFHLA Political Committee’s “Tee It Up for Tourism” Golf Outing and Luncheon.
This annual fundraising activity for the CFHLA-PC will begin with a 12 Noon networking luncheon featuring Keynote Speaker and “Tourism Champion,” State Representative Rene “Coach P” Plasencia (House District 50).

Following lunch, the golf outing will commence with a 1:15 PM “shotgun start” on the popular Celebration Golf Club course.

The CFHLA-PC salutes the following hole sponsors for this year’s event:

Additionally, a “Roving Beverage Cart” featuring complimentary beer will once again be provided courtesy of GrayRobinson.

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

**Central Florida hoteliers pick Jerry Demings, Teresa Jacobs**

**Orlando hotels lead all major markets in 3 key metrics for June**

**OCPS seeks millage renewal to retain funding for arts, sports programs**