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## CFHLA-PAC ENDORSED VICTORIES

CFHLA would like to **congratulate** the following **CFHLA-PAC Endorsed Winners** and **Ballot Measures** on their successful elections, re-elections, and approvals during the **2018 Election Cycle in August and November:**

**Jerry Demings**  
Orange County Mayor  
(August Win)

**Victoria Siplin**

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(August Win)

**John Mina**

Orange County Sheriff

**Teresa Jacobs**

Orange County School Board Chair

(August Win)

**Linda Kobert**

Orange County School Board District 3

(August Win)

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Florida State Senate District 22

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**David Smith**

Florida House District 28

**Mike La Rosa**

Florida House District 42

**Amy Mercado**

Florida House District 48

**Rene “Coach P” Plasencia**

Florida House District 50

**Amendment 2**

**PASSED**

**Amendment 3**

**PASSED**

**Amendment 9**

**PASSED**





Orange County Sheriff-Elect John Mina

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## ELECTION NIGHT TOUR

On Election Night - Tuesday, November 6th members of the CFHLA-PAC visited endorsed candidates at their **election night watch parties**. Thank you to the following CFHLA-PAC members for their participation:

**Ross Burke**

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**Alan Fickett**

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**Jay Leonard**

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***Thank you to Ross Burke for providing  
the evening's transportation***



Joe Mahoney of HospitalityStaff, CFHLA VIP Member Alan Fickett of Global Sourcing Int'l, LLC, CFHLA-PAC Endorsed Candidate Amy Mercado, CFHLA Board Member and CFHLA-PAC Chair Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham and Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area and CFHLA Silver Partner Ron Silveira of FPIS Inc, Distribution & Marketing Solutions



Orange County Sheriff-Elect John Mina and CFHLA President/CEO Rich Maladecki

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**GA - AJIT LALCHANDANI**



On Wednesday, November 7 the **CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee** met with **Ajit Lalchandani, Orange County Administrator** at Universal Studios (Thank you, Melanie Becker!)

Ajit has been a long-time friend and ally to CFHLA in his **nearly 20-year career with Orange County**, lending his expertise to **amend the County's alcohol ordinance** relating to time of sale and service and with the development of the **Tourism Development Tax grant application** and the subsequent **"Application Review Committee"**. Ajit will be retiring in early 2019 after a successful and impactful career with Orange County. CFHLA wishes him all the best on the next chapter of his life.



(left to right) CFHLA Board Chairman Fred Sawyers, Complex General Manager of the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Orange County Administrator Ajit Lalchandani and CFHLA-PAC Board Chair Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham/Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area

## PAC/PC BOARD ELECTIONS

CFHLA conducted a two-week election for the **CFHLA Political Action Committee (PAC)** and **CFHLA Political Committee (PC)** Board of Directors during November, where all PAC dues-paying members were eligible to elect CFHLA Members to serve **2-year terms** on these important committees tasked with identifying and supporting **"Pro-Hospitality" candidates** for state and local office.

This PAC/PC Election cycle featured 13 Board Member position vacancies, and CFHLA Members elected four new individuals and re-elected nine Board Members to serve on the PAC and PC Boards from **January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020**.

***The CFHLA-PAC and PC Board welcomes the following newly elected Members:***

Ripley's Believe It Or Not! Orlando

**John Lamont**

Florida Hotel & Conference Center

**Wade Michael**

Quality Suites Royale Parc Suites

**Bill Tomala**

Cuhaci & Peterson Architects, Inc.

*The CFHLA-PAC and PC Board congratulates the following  
"re-elected" Members:*

**Ruthann DiLauri**

Minuteman Press

**Alan Fickett**

Global Sourcing International, Inc.

**Maureen Haggerty**

Spinout Guest Laundries, Inc.

**Frank Irons**

Bags

**Jay Leonard**

Wyndham/Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista

Disney Springs Resort Area

**Joe Mahoney**

HospitalityStaff

**Rick Patterson**

Associated Planners Group

**Jeff Swirsky**

Holiday Inn Resort Orlando Lake Buena Vista

**Duane Winjum**

Melia Orlando Suite Hotel at Celebration

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## **MAYOR JACOBS TOAST & TRIBUTE**

On Wednesday, November 14 **CFHLA** and **UCF** honored outgoing Mayor **Teresa Jacobs** on her career with Orange County and celebrated her

## Chair-Elect.



CFHLA Board Member and CFHLA-PAC Chair Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham/Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area, Orange County School Board Chair-Elect Teresa Jacobs, CFHLA Board Member Jeff Swirsky, General Manager of the Holiday Inn Resort Orlando Lake Buena Vista, and CFHLA Silver Partner Ron Silveira of FPIS Inc, Distribution & Marketing Solutions

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## LINKS

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**[Orange County Convention Center re-ups deal with Centerplate](#)**

**[Understanding Florida's Recount](#)**

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