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GALA

On Saturday, December 14, CFHLA successfully conducted the **2019 Hospitality Gala**. Many business and community leaders attended this high-profile event, including **Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings** and **U.S. Congresswoman Val Demings**.

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CFHLA Board Chair Jesse Martinez, General Manager of The Alford Inn at Rollins; U.S. Congresswoman Val Demings, Florida's 10th Congressional District; Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings; and CFHLA Board Vice Chair Brian Comes, Area Vice President of the Hyatt Regency Orlando

SEMINOLE TDC

CFHLA would like to congratulate

Jamie Ross

General Manager of the Residence Inn Orlando Lake Mary
and

Rick Donohue

General Manager of Embassy Suites Orlando North
for their appointment to the

Seminole County Tourist Development Council for 2020.

KIRKMAN ROAD

On Tuesday, December 17, the **Board of Orange County Commissioners** voted to approve the long-anticipated **Kirkman Road Extension** plan to enhance transportation around the **I-Drive Tourism Corridor**.

This project will help **boost economic development** in the region by **creating jobs** and **supporting our local and major businesses** throughout the area. The expansion of Kirkman Road will also **alleviate major traffic congestion** for our residents, professionals, students, and visitors.

SIPLIN

The **Governmental Affairs Committee** met with **Orange County Commissioner Victoria Siplin** and discussed the affordable housing crisis and regional transportation initiatives. The Committee appreciated Commissioner Siplin's honest and thoughtful conversation relating to protecting Orange County's thriving economy while also supporting our community members in need.

Thank you, **Justin Vermuth** and **ARDA** for hosting the December Governmental Affairs Committee at the **Citrus Club!**



CFHLA Board Member and Governmental Affairs Committee Member Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham / Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area; CFHLA Board Chair and Governmental Affairs Committee Member Jesse Martinez, General Manager of The Alford Inn at Rollins; Orange County Commissioner Victoria Siplin, District 6; and CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee Chair Jon McGavin, Area General Manager of Grande Lakes Orlando

GA

The CFHLA Executive Committee recently appointed the new **2020 CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee**. These members will serve on a one-year term and will guide CFHLA legislative priorities for the year. Please welcome the following members:

JON MCGAVIN, CHAIRMAN
GRANDE LAKES ORLANDO

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ADVENTHEALTH ORLANDO

JUSTIN VERMUTH
AMERICAN RESORT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

BRIAN WONG
CELEBRATION SUITES HOTEL

TOURISM DAY

Save the date! **Wednesday, January 22, 2020** CFHLA will be making the Association's annual trip to Tallahassee for "**Florida Tourism Day**" at the State Capitol.

Each year, over **30 CFHLA Lodging and Allied Members** spend a full day meeting with **State Representatives** and **State Senators** to advance the Association's **Legislative Priorities**, primarily focusing on supporting:

- **VISIT FLORIDA**
- **Preserving the Tourist Development Tax**

CFHLA thanks **Mears Transportation Group** for providing Luxury Bus Transportation Service for the CFHLA Delegation.

If you are interested in attending this meaningful **Tourism Advocacy Day** with CFHLA, please contact **CFHLA Public Policy Director, Rico Pasamba** at publicpolicy@cfhla.org.


LINKS

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

[Universal announces land donation for Orange Co. housing, transit](#)


[Budget experts: Economic slowdown still in Florida's future as 2020 Session nears](#)

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