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## ORLANDO

Congratulations to  
**City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer**  
for his **re-election** to office on Tuesday, November 5th!

Mayor Dyer will enter his fifth-term in office, continuing to lead the City Beautiful and the Central Florida region to new heights!

The **CFHLA-PAC and CFHLA-PC Boards of Directors** were proud to endorse the Mayor for his accomplished record of service and support to the Central Florida tourism industry.

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LINKS OF INTEREST

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis

State of Florida Senate

State of Florida House of Representatives

Orange County

Osceola County

Seminole County

City of Orlando

City of Kissimmee

City of Sanford

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**Senator Gary Siplin**  
will enter a run-off election on December 3rd, 2019  
for **City of Orlando Commissioner, District 6.**

Senator Siplin has been a long-time supporter of tourism and his leadership will help drive growth and economic prosperity throughout the district.



Thank you to the following CFHLA Members for attending City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer's Victory Party Event!

**Alan Fickett**  
Global Sourcing International

**Michael Hanley**  
Wealth Management Strategies of Central Florida

**John Lamont**  
The Florida Hotel & Conference Center

**Jay Leonard**  
Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort Disney Springs  
Resort Area / Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista  
Disney Springs Resort Area

**Joe Mahoney**  
HospitalityStaff

**Mark Politte**  
DoubleTree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal Orlando

**Adrianna Sekula**  
Walt Disney World Company

**Ron Silveira**  
FPIS, Inc. Distribution & Marketing Solutions

**Jeff Swirsky**  
AD1 Global, Inc.

**Bill Tomala**  
Cuhaci & Peterson Architects

**Duane Winjum**  
Melia Orlando Suite Hotel at Celebration  
*(Thank you for securing transportation!)*

Thank you **Maingate Transportation** for providing van shuttle service to the Victory Party!

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## GA

Recently, the **Governmental Affairs Committee** met with **Orange County Commissioner Emily Bonilla** and discussed the affordable housing crisis and regional transportation initiatives. The Committee appreciates Commissioner Bonilla's honest and thoughtful conversation relating to protecting Orange County's thriving economy while also supporting our community members in need. Thank you, **Mark Politte** for hosting the November Governmental Affairs Committee at the **DoubleTree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal Orlando!**



CFHLA Board Member and Governmental Affairs Committee Vice Chair Duane Winjum, General Manager of the Melia Orlando Suite Hotel; Orange County Commissioner Emily Bonilla, District 5; CFHLA Board Member and Governmental Affairs Committee Chair Jon McGavin, Area General Manager of Grande Lakes Orlando; CFHLA Board Chair Jesse Martinez, General Manager of The Alford Inn at Rollins

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## SIPLIN

The **Governmental Affairs Committee** will meet with **Orange County Commissioner Victoria Siplin** on **Wednesday, December 11th** at the **Citrus Club** - Thank you, Justin Vermuth and ARDA!



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## VISIT FLORIDA

During the 2019 Legislative Session earlier this year **VISIT FLORIDA** was

a last-minute effort to maintain the organization at the Governor's request.

This upcoming 2020 Legislative Session will serve as a new opportunity to re-authorize and fund VISIT FLORIDA on a long-term continuation before its enabling statute **expires on July 1st, 2020**.

The **Florida Senate** has already moved forward **Senate Bill (SB) 362 - Florida Tourism Marketing**, which would extend Visit Florida's enabling statute to **October 1, 2028**. It has been referred to three committees for review. Its first stop, Senate Commerce & Tourism, unanimously approved the bill. It is expected the bill will move forward and be approved by the Senate.

However, its companion bill in the Florida House of Representatives has yet to move forward. Last Session, the VISIT FLORIDA reauthorization bill was not placed on a committee agenda in the Florida House of Representatives for review.

Additionally, this week **Governor DeSantis** restated his support for VISIT FLORIDA in his proposed budget, calling for the organization to continue operating with \$50 Million.

CFHLA will continue to monitor updates on VISIT FLORIDA's re-authorization and will plan outreach campaigns for our members to advocate their support for VISIT FLORIDA to their Representatives.

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## PAC

Please welcome the following new and returning **CFHLA-PAC Board Members** who were elected and re-elected for the **2020-2021 term**:

**Tim Bailey**

[Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando](#)

**Brad Boland**

**Jackie Bozzuto**

[Lowndes](#)

**Ross Burke**

[Minuteman Press](#)

**Michael Hanley**

[Wealth Management Strategies of Central Florida](#)

**Chadwick Hardee**

[APDC Services, Inc.](#)

Grande Lakes Orlando, Marriott International

**Rick Patterson**  
Associated Planners Group

**Mark Politte**  
DoubleTree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal Orlando

**Fred Sawyers**  
Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort

**Ron Silveira**  
FPIS, Inc. Distribution & Marketing Services

**Cindy Staley**  
Sheraton Lake Buena Vista Resort

**Brian Wong**  
Celebration Suites

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## GALA

We are pleased to announce the following Elected Officials attending the **CFHLA Hospitality Gala**:



**State Representative**  
**Kamia Brown**  
*District 45*





Seminole County Commissioner  
**Bob Dallari**  
*District 1*



Orange County Mayor  
**Jerry Demings**



City of Orlando Commissioner  
**Regina Hill**  
*District 5*



Seminole County Commissioner  
**Jay Zembower**  
*District 2*

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## LINKS

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

[Buddy Dyer cruises to fifth term as Orlando Mayor](#)

['Bolder, brighter, better' Ron DeSantis rolls out second budget](#)

[Sadowski Coalition praises Ron DeSantis' housing budget](#)

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