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TDT THREAT

The Florida House of Representatives released a draft for their proposed tax package for 2020 during Week 5 of the Legislative Session (2/10-2/14). On Wednesday, February 19 the tax package was approved by the House Ways and Means Committee.

The language includes the expansion of allowable statewide uses of Tourist Development Tax dollars to include water quality improvement and public parks and trails projects. CFHLA is opposed to the language in the tax package to expand allowable uses of TDT.

CFHLA is working with Senators from the Central Florida delegation to express that the hospitality industry is not in favor of TDT expansion language being included in this year’s Senate tax package.

In addition, the Senate and House have both passed proposed budgets through their respective chambers for 2020. The Senate budget comes in at $92.8 billion and fully funds the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund and reserves $52.5 million for VISIT FLORIDA. The House budget comes in at a lower cost by $1.4 billion - with a partially funded Sadowski Fund and no budget for VISIT FLORIDA.

DYER

On Wednesday, February 12, the CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee met with City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer at the Mall at Millenia. (Thank you - Steven Jamieson!)

Mayor Dyer discussed transportation initiatives for the region, creating solutions for the affordable housing crisis, and protecting the integrity of the Tourist Development Tax. He also shared some of his insight on what it will take to bring World Cup Soccer and Major League Baseball to Orlando in the future.
CHOUGHRY

CFHLA has selected Osceola County Commissioner Peggy Choudhry (District 1) as the 2019 CFHLA Public Servant of the Year for her continued service on tourism-related boards and councils that have helped bring in more than 8 million overnight visitors to Osceola County annually.

Commissioner Choudhry will be officially recognized at the 2020 CFHLA Smith Travel Research (STR) Membership Luncheon on Thursday, February 27 at the Hyatt Regency Orlando (Thank you Brian Comes, General Manager).

PAC/PC BOARD MEETING

The next PAC/PC Board Meeting is scheduled to occur at 8:15AM on Wednesday, March 25 at the CFHLA Offices.

Official invitations will be sent on Wednesday, March 4.

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