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On Wednesday, July 8th, the **CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee** met at the Law Offices of [GrayRobinson](#) in Downtown Orlando. Joining the GA Committee for the July Meeting was **Orange County Commissioner Ted Edwards** (District 5).

The GA Committee Members and Commissioner Edwards discussed a range of Orange County issues, such as the use of **Tourist Development Tax** dollars on Orange County venues, [Orange County Convention Center](#) projects, regional **transportation** challenges, the **CFHLA Adopt-a-School program** and other Hospitality Industry issues in Orange County.

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CFHLA PAC / PC Board Chairman Jay Leonard of the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort, Orange County Commissioner Ted Edwards (District 5), CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Scott Tripoli of the DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld, and CFHLA Assistant Treasurer Jetse Pottinga of the Melia Orlando Suite Hotel Celebration

The next CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee meeting will be held on August 5th when the Committee will meet with **City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer** at [SeaWorld Orlando](#).

Importantly, CFHLA thanks the 2015 Governmental Affairs Committee Sponsor, Maureen Haggerty of:



TEE IT UP

The **CFHLA Political Committee's** annual golf fundraiser is returning to the [Grand Cypress Golf Club](#) for the **2015 Tee it Up for Tourism Golf Outing & Luncheon**, being held on **Thursday, September 24th**.



State Representative Eric Eisnaugle

State Representative Eric Eisnaugle (South Orlando) will be serving as the **“Keynote Speaker”** during the Luncheon occurring before golf, which will also feature a live auction and the opportunity to network with other local Elected Officials.

Foursomes are available at \$500, individual golf registration costs \$150 and if you’re unable to “hit the links,” the Luncheon is only \$35 per person.

The fees for this event serve as a contribution to the CFHLA Political Committee, which interviews and endorses **Hospitality-Friendly** candidates throughout the Central Florida region. Please note that a contribution to a Political Committee is not tax-deductible.

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Additionally, CFHLA salutes the 2015 Hole Sponsors:



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If you have questions, please contact CFHLA Public Policy Director, Kevin Craig, at 407-313-5035.

TASK FORCE

On Monday, July 20th, a number of **CFHLA Board Members** serving on the **CFHLA Illegal Lodging Task Force** met with **Orange County Comptroller Martha Haynie** and her staff to discuss the rise of short-term online rental companies, or “**Sharing Economy**” companies, which do not adhere to all local laws.

Many of these companies ***do not require their homeowners to provide proper business licensing*** from the County or State nor do they require proof of basic safety measures such as smoke detectors, effective door locks or fire extinguishers.

Additionally, in Central Florida, individuals are renting out their properties and/or bedrooms on “Sharing Economy” websites ***without paying the necessary local sales taxes or Tourist Development Taxes.***

CFHLA is working with local Elected Officials to ensure that a “**Level Playing Field**” is established between the professional lodging industry and “Sharing Economy” companies, with taxes being paid fairly and insurance/safety regulations being followed.

FORWARD THINKING

One week from today, on **Thursday, July 30th**, CFHLA will be producing the **July “Forward Thinking 2016” Membership Luncheon** at the [Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld](#), Crystal Ballroom (***Thank you Bob Walsh, General Manager.***)

A number of prominent Central Florida Elected Officials have RSVP'd to join CFHLA Members at this Luncheon event.

To date. the following Elected Officials have registered:

Scott Boyd

Orange County Commissioner, District 1

Jason Brodeur

State Representative, District 28

John Cortes

State Representative, District 43

Bill Cowles

Orange County Supervisor of Elections

Regina Hill

City of Orlando Commissioner, District 5

John Horan

Seminole County Commissioner, District 2

Mike La Rosa

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Rick Singh

Orange County Property Appraiser

Victoria Siplin

Orange County Commissioner, District 6

Robert Stuart

City of Orlando Commissioner, District 3

Geraldine Thompson

State Senator, District 12

[If you have yet to do so, please register by clicking here.](#)

LINKS

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

[**Florida Legislature Called Into Special Redistricting Session**](#)

[**Proposed Gambling Rules Headed For A Showdown?**](#)

**Ashby announces Campaign
Kick-Off for Florida House 50 run**

Soto announces Congressional run

**Stewart stands up
lindastewartforsenate.com for District 13 run**

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