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2022 CFHLA PAC & PC PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS

Next week, the Florida Primary Elections will be held on **Tuesday, August 23, 2022**. On behalf of the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association's (CFHLA) PAC and PC, we are proud to endorse each of the **24 candidates** below for the 2022 Primary Election. This **bipartisan slate** includes endorsements for candidates running in primaries for the Florida Senate, the Florida House of Representatives, as well as the Orange, Osceola and Seminole County Commission, and the Orange County School Board. Additionally, we are **supporting the continuation of the one-mill ad valorem property tax**, which supports Orange County Public Schools.

CFHLA is proud to stand with each of these pro-hospitality candidates and we strongly encourage each of our members to do the same.

**[Please Click Here to Download
The 2022 CFHLA PAC & PC Voter Guide](#)
and share with your co-workers, family members, and friends.**

**Together, let's get out the vote and support these
Champions for our Industry!**

FLORIDA SENATE



Jason Brodeur (R)
Senate District 9



Kamia Brown (D)
Senate District 15

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Keith Truenow (R)
House District 26



Fred Hawkins (R)
House District 35



Rachel Plakon (R)
House District 36



David Smith (R)
House District 38

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Doug Bankson (R)
House District 39



LaVon Bracy Davis (D)
House District 40



Johanna Lopez (D)
House District 43



Daisy Morales (D)
House District 44







Bruno Portigliatti (R)
House District 45



Kristen Arrington (D)
House District 46



Dan Marquith (D)
House District 47

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<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Jerry L. Demings <i>Orange County Mayor</i></p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Christine Moore <i>Orange County Commission, District 2</i></p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Maribel Gomez Cordero <i>Orange County Commission, District 4</i></p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Roberta Walton Johnson <i>Orange County Commission, District 6</i></p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Teresa Jacobs <i>Orange County School Board, Chair</i></p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Angie Gallo <i>Orange County School Board, District 1</i></p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Alicia Farrant <i>Orange County School Board, District 3</i></p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">OSCEOLA COUNTY</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Viviana Janer (D) <i>Osceola County Commission, District 2</i></p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Cheryl Grieb (D) <i>Osceola County Commission, District 4</i></p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">SEMINOLE COUNTY</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Jay Zembower (R) <i>Seminole County Commission, District 2</i></p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Amy Lockhart (R) <i>Seminole County Commission, District 4</i></p> </div> </div>

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming Primary Election, please visit the Supervisor of Elections website, for the county that you reside within.

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Orange County Supervisor of Elections website.

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections website.

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections website.

AUGUST GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS MEETING

Last week, our CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee had the opportunity to meet and hear from [Orlando District 6 Commissioner Bakari F. Burns](#). Thank you Commissioner Burns for joining us and we truly appreciate your willingness to partner with the hospitality and tourism industry, as we work together to find solutions to the needs of our community! We would also like to thank our partners at [Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A.](#) for hosting our meeting this month.



Governmental Affairs Committee Chair Jon McGavin of Grande Lakes, Orlando; Board Member, PAC/PC Chair and Governmental Affairs committee member Jay Leonard of Wyndham and Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area; Governmental Affairs Committee Member and meeting host Jackie Bozzuto of Lowndes; City of Orlando, District 6 Commissioner Bakari F. Burns; Lowndes CEO and President William Dymond; CFHLA Assistant Treasurer and PAC/PC Vice Chair Chris Mueller of the of Hilton Orlando; and CFHLA President/CEO Robert Agrusa

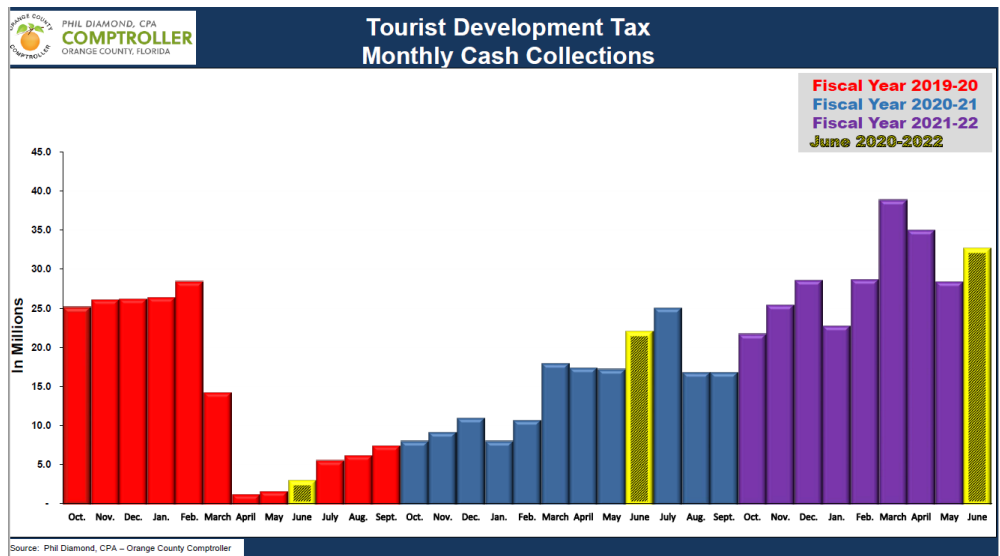
The next Governmental Affairs Committee will be held on **Wednesday, September 14th** at Universal Orlando featuring **Secretary Melanie Griffin from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation** (*Thank you, Melanie Becker!*).

REGIONAL TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX UPDATE

Orange County

Orange County was excited to announce that the June Tourist Development Tax collection was at **\$32,360,400, which was a 48.9% increase over June 2021**. Both leisure and convention occupancy levels saw a boost in June, due to the peak summer travel season and several successful events at Orange County Convention Center, including **AAU Volleyball and the U.S. Travel Association's IPW**.

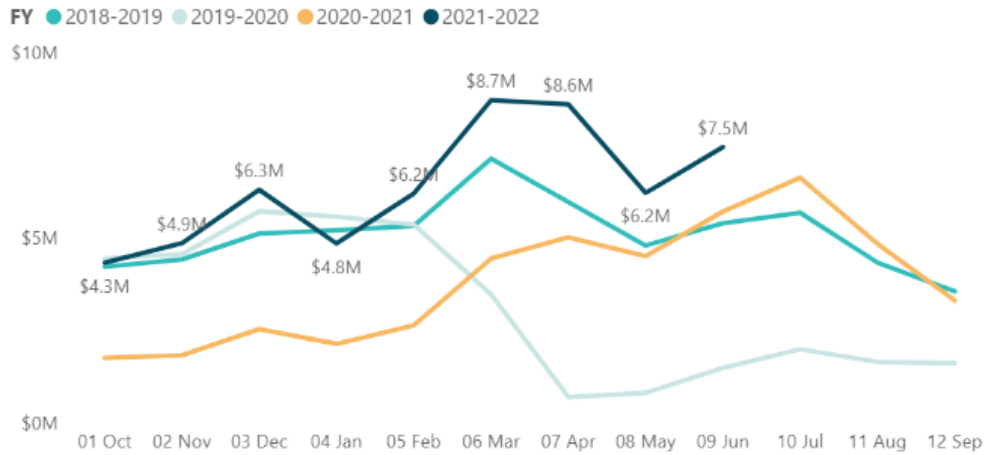
Additionally, month-over month, June's collections were **higher than May by \$4.3 million**. Additionally, they were **higher than June 2020 collections by \$29.7 million. This resulted in the highest June collections on record for Orange County and the third highest monthly collections in Orange County TDT history!**



Osceola County

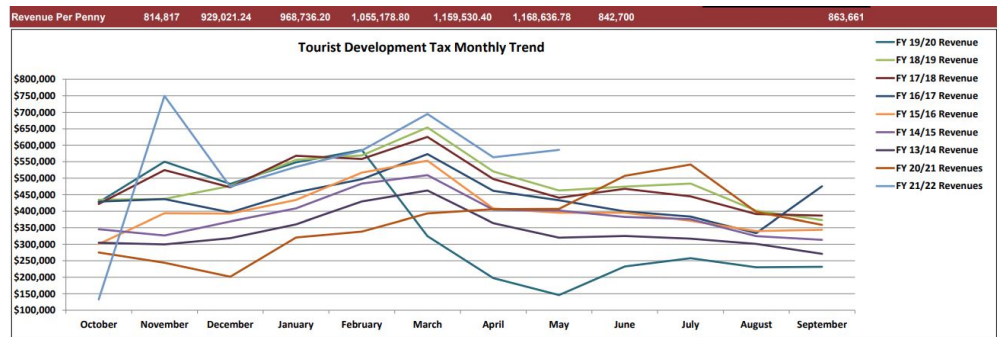
Osceola County was proud to announce that the June Tourist Development Tax collection was another record at **\$7,500,000. This was 31% higher than**

June 2021. Overall, hotels and resorts accounted for \$2,750,000 (36%) in TDT collected, while vacation homes were at \$4,575,000 (61%).



Seminole County

Seminole County was also excited to announce that the June Tourist Development Tax collection was at **\$517,639**. With these numbers, Seminole County will have posted a **new TDT monthly record for four consecutive months in a row (March - June)**.



CFHLA PAC ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE ONE-MILL PROPERTY TAX FOR ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association’s (CFHLA) Political Action Committee is encouraging all Orange County voters, to **approve a continuation of the one-mill ad valorem property tax for an additional four years**.

Originally passed in 2010, the one-mill was created to support Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) by preserving academic programs, retaining highly qualified teachers, and protecting the arts, athletics, and student activities.

Additionally, the one-mill is the last item on the August 23rd Primary Election ballot and ALL registered voters are eligible because this ballot initiative is non-partisan.

“CFHLA PAC is proud to support our partner Orange County Public Schools and the continuation of the one-mill on the upcoming Primary Election Ballot,” said Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area, and the Chairman of the CFHLA PAC. “This important ballot initiative is critical for OCPS to better compensate and retain teachers and support staff, handle essential operating expenses, and to preserve the academic programs, arts, athletics and other student activities that we all hope to maintain at our local schools.”

To learn more about the one-mill, please visit

https://www.ocps.net/departments/public_relations/you_decide.

DONATE

CFHLA MEMBERS - Please consider making a donation of \$50 via the link below to the CFHLA PAC/PC. All contributions help CFHLA continue its efforts in supporting and endorsing Hospitality-Friendly candidates for local and state offices.

DONATE NOW 

As a reminder, all CFHLA Board Members, PAC/PC Board Members, and ARC Board Members have committed to contributing \$100 to the CFHLA PAC/PC in 2022. If you are a part of one or more of these groups, please consider fulfilling your commitment today.

IN THE NEWS

[Airport extended stay hotel sells for \\$20.6M](#) (GrowthSpotter)

[JW Marriott with rooftop garden will anchor new downtown hotel and convention center](#) (GrowthSpotter)

[Orlando airport to streamline TSA PreCheck process](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

[How Orange and Osceola counties both saw record tourist tax collections in June](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

[The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes earns prestigious Five Diamond distinction from AAA Diamond Program](#) (PR Newswire)

[Orange County Commission District 6 hopefuls vow to lift their constituents' voice](#) (Orlando Sentinel)

[Downtown Orlando's iconic Grand Bohemian Hotel to undergo renovations](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

[Three Orlando Hotels Purchased Near International Drive](#) (West Orlando News)

[Central Florida hoteliers announce new round of endorsements](#) (Florida Politics)

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