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**CFHLA PAC/PC ANNOUNCES FIRST ROUND OF
BI-PARTISAN ENDORSEMENTS FOR LOCAL AND STATE RACES
ACROSS CENTRAL FLORIDA**

ORLANDO, Fla. (June 12, 2024) – Today, the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association’s (CFHLA) PAC and PC announced their first round of endorsements for the 2024 election cycle. This bipartisan slate of fifteen candidates includes several running for the state legislature, judicial court, and local office in Seminole, Orange, and Osceola County.

These endorsements include:

Florida House of Representatives

Florida House of Representatives, District 36 – **Rachel Plakon (R)**
Florida House of Representatives, District 37 – **Susan Plasencia (R)**
Florida House of Representatives, District 38 – **David Smith (R)**
Florida House of Representatives, District 39 – **Doug Bankson (R)**

Circuit Judge

Circuit 9, Group 5 – **LaShawnda K. Jackson**

Orange County

Orange County Sheriff – **John Mina (D)**
Orange County School Board, District 4 – **Kyle Roger Goudy**
Orange County School Board, District 6 – **Stephanie Vanos**
Orange County School Board, District 7 – **Melissa Mitchell Byrd**
Orange County Judgeship, Group 11 – **Adam Keith McGinnis**

Osceola County

Osceola County Commission, District 1 – **Peggy Choudhry (D)**

Osceola County Commission, District 3 – **Brandon Arrington** (D)

Osceola County Commission, District 5 – **Ricky Booth** (R)

Seminole County

Seminole County Commission, District 1 – **Bob Dallari** (R)

Seminole County Commission, District 3 – **Lee Constantine** (R)

“CFHLA PAC and PC is extremely excited to support this diverse and effective group of bipartisan candidates throughout the 2024 election cycle,” said Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area, and the Chairman of the CFHLA PAC and PC. “Each of these pro-hospitality candidates understands the importance of the tourism and hospitality industry and the essential role that our industry plays in job creation and driving positive economic impact, which ensures our region flourishes.”

Robert Agrusa, President and CEO of the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association went on to say, “Each of these candidates has also proven themselves to be a leader on the issues that matter most to the tourism and hospitality industry, as well as the Central Florida community. By having problem-solving leaders who are willing to face challenges head on, our region will continue to welcome a record-breaking number of visitors and maintain our status as the best community to work, play, live and visit in the country.”

The 2024 Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 and the 2024 General Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

The Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association’s mission is to represent the Central Florida Hospitality Industry, by setting the standard of excellence through advocacy, collaboration, education, recognition, and service. As the largest regional lodging association in the United States, CFHLA represents approximately 80 percent of the more than 129,500 hotel rooms throughout the Central Florida Region (including but not limited to Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk and Seminole counties) and more than 500 "supplier" organizations that do business with the hospitality and tourism industries.

For more information on the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, please visit www.cfhla.org.

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