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**CFHLA PAC AND PC IS 18 FOR 22, AN 81% SUCCESS RATE ON
GENERAL ELECTION NIGHT**

ORLANDO, Fla. (November 06, 2024) – Today, the **Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association's (CFHLA) PAC and PC Board of Directors** congratulated the following 18 endorsed state and local candidates, who won their respective 2024 General Elections Tuesday night.

CFHLA's endorsed candidates won 18 out of 22 races, an 81% success rate. Every PAC endorsed candidate who ran for the Florida Senate and the Florida House was elected in the General Election. The additional candidates we supported ran for Orange, Osceola and Seminole County Commissions, Orange County School Board, Orange County Supervisor of Elections, Orange County Tax Collector, and Osceola County Property Appraiser.

The **Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association's Board of Directors** also passed a resolution, strongly opposing Florida Amendment 3, Recreational Marijuana, which failed to pass in the General Election. Additionally, the CFHLA PAC and PC supported the Orange County Half Penny Sales Tax Renewal for Schools and the Seminole County One Penny Infrastructure Sales Tax Renewal. Both local ballot questions passed Tuesday night.

Elected in November 5th General Election:

Florida Senate, District 13 – **Keith Truenow** (R)

Florida Senate, District 25 – **Kristen Arrington** (D)

Florida House of Representatives, District 26 – **Nan Cobb** (R)

Florida House of Representatives, District 35 – **Erika Booth** (R)

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)
Florida House of Representatives, District 40 – **LaVon Bracy Davis** (D)
Florida House of Representatives, District 43 – **Johanna Lopez** (D)
Florida House of Representatives, District 45 – **Leonard Spencer** (D)
Florida House of Representatives, District 46 – **Jose Alvarez** (D)
Orange County Supervisor of Elections – **Karen Castor Dentel** (D)
Orange County Tax Collector – **Scott Randolph** (D)
Osceola County Commission, District 1 – **Peggy Choudhry** (D)
Osceola County Commission, District 3 – **Brandon Arrington** (D)
Osceola County Property Appraiser – **Katrina Scarborough** (D)
Seminole County Commission, District 5 – **Andria Herr** (R)

“CFHLA PAC and PC would like to congratulate all 18 pro-hospitality candidates who won their general elections,” said **Jay Leonard**, General Manager of the Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area, and Chairman of the CFHLA PAC and PC. “Each of these candidates is a champion for the hospitality and tourism industry, and we look forward to working with them in the coming years.”

Robert Agrusa, President and CEO of the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, added, “Each of these winning candidates has an outstanding track record of public service, problem solving and proven results for our Central Florida community. We are excited to support this diverse and bi-partisan group of candidates, and we are confident they will help our industry create thousands of jobs and return millions of dollars in tax revenue to our community in the coming years.”

About Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association

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.

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