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**CFHLA PAC ANNOUNCES ENDORSEMENTS FOR COUNTY
COMMISSION RACES IN ORANGE AND OSCEOLA**

ORLANDO, Fla. (July 16, 2026) – The Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association’s (CFHLA) Political Action Committee (PAC) and Political Committee (PC) announced their endorsements for four candidates who are running to serve on the Orange and Osceola County Commission in the 2026 election cycle.

These candidate endorsements include:

Orange County Commission

Orange County Commission, District 2 – **Kamia Brown**

Orange County Commission, District 4 – **Johanna Lopez**

Orange County Commission, District 7 – **Shannon Currie**

Osceola County Commission

Osceola County Commission, District 4 – **Mary Downey (D)**

“After carefully evaluating each of the candidates records and their vision for our community, these candidates have earned our endorsement because they understand the importance of the hospitality and tourism industry and the impact it has on Central Florida’s economy,” said Jay Leonard, General Manager of the Wyndham and Wyndham Garden Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area and Chairman of the CFHLA PAC and PC. “We are confident that if elected, they will demonstrate a collaborative, solutions-oriented approach with the hospitality industry, provide thoughtful and effective leadership, and support policies that will position Central Florida for long-term success.”

Robert Agrusa, President and CEO of the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, added, "Our locally elected officials can shape so many of the decisions that influence our workforce, infrastructure, business climate, and the overall quality of life for the residents of our community. Each of these candidates has demonstrated an understanding of those responsibilities, a commitment to accountable leadership, and a forward-looking vision focused on expanding new opportunities for our residents and strengthening our economy."

The 2026 Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, and the 2026 General Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

For the full list of 2026 CFHLA PAC and PC endorsed candidates, please visit <https://www.cfhla.org/2026-pac-pc-endorsements>.

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 more than 151,000 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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