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Commissioner Bill Segal, Commissioner Linda Stewart, Commissioner Mildred Fernandez and Commissioner Phil Diamond answer questions at the [East Orlando Chamber of Commerce](#) luncheon event

On Wednesday, October 21st, CFHLA attended the [East Orlando Chamber of Commerce Luncheon](#) which featured Orange County Commissioners, **Mildred Fernandez, Bill Segal, Linda Stewart**, and City of Orlando Commissioner **Phil Diamond**.



Seminole County Commissioner Mike McLean, CFHLA Member Jennifer Dobran of [Martin Federal Credit Union](#) and CFHLA President Rich Maladecki

Several issues were discussed, including water conservation, consolidation of services and Hometown Democracy (Amendment 4).

Scott Maxwell of the [Orlando Sentinel](#) served as the moderator for this event.



Orange County Supervisor of Elections, Bill Cowles and CFHLA President Rich Maladecki discuss upcoming elections

DR. PHILLIPS



CFHLA Member Michael Hanley of [AXA Advisors](#) and
CFHLA President Rich Maladecki with Commissioner Bill Segal

On Wednesday, October 21st Commissioner **Bill Segal** - Candidate for Orange County Mayor - spoke to the [Dr. Phillips Rotary Club](#) relating to his priorities for Orange County.

Commissioner Segal acknowledged the importance of completing the downtown venues and pledged that **'tourism should never be forsaken'** for all the economic benefits the industry has brought to Central Florida.

Several CFHLA Members are active in the [Dr. Phillips Rotary Club](#), including Dr. Phillips Rotary President **Bill Baril** of [First Payment Systems](#).

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TAMPA

On Monday, November 9th, CFHLA will travel to Tampa to meet with State Representative **Kevin Ambler** - District 47 to discuss proposed language revisions to the **Tourist Safety Act** (Florida Statute 509.144).

In addition to the CFHLA Tourist Safety Act Task Force Members, State Representative **Mike Horner** - District 79 and **Bob Morrison**, Executive Director of the Hillsborough County Hotel & Motel Association will attend this strategic meeting.



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SPECIAL SESSION

On Monday, October 19th Governor **Charlie Crist** and Senate President **Jeff Atwater** announced their support for a special legislative session, December 7th through December 11th to discuss funding for **Tri-Rail** and **SunRail** in an effort to make the state more attractive for federal grant money for high-speed rail.

Just a few months ago, Florida put in its application for a piece of \$8 billion of federal funding available for high-speed rail through the stimulus plan.

To view the CFHLA resolution in support of SunRail, please [click here](#).

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SENATOR ALTMAN

On Wednesday, November 11th, the CFHLA Governmental Affairs Committee will welcome State Senator for District 24, [Thad Altman](#) (REP) as the November Luncheon Meeting Guest.



At this meeting, the following items will be discussed:

- Tallahassee Special Session (Dec. 7th - 11th)
- 'Distinguished Public Servant of the Year Award'
- Update: Tourist Safety Act

Please note that attendance at this meeting is by invitation only.

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SOON...

Within the next few months, **Tourism's Voice: Your Political Advocate** will have the capacity to give CFHLA Members the opportunity to contribute to the CFHLA-PAC/CCE's efforts.

Year-round, CFHLA monitors key legislative issues that could potentially affect the hospitality and tourism industry.

Please look to future editions of this newsletter to learn more about how to donate to your political guardian, advocate for the industry, and champion of hospitality candidates.

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