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**CFHLA PAC/PC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES ENDORSEMENTS
FOR THE UPCOMING CITY OF ORLANDO ELECTIONS**

ORLANDO, FLA (September 15, 2025) - Today, the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association (CFHLA) Political Action Committee (PAC) and Political Committee (PC) Board of Directors announced their endorsements of three candidates who are seeking election in the upcoming City of Orlando elections. This includes Jim Gray, City Commissioner, District 1; Roger Chapin, City Commissioner, District 3; and Shan Rose, City Commissioner, District 5.

“Commissioners Gray and Rose have been steadfast allies of the hospitality and tourism industry throughout their service on the Orlando City Council,” said Jay Leonard, Complex General Manager of the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista - Disney Springs Resort Area, and Chair of the CFHLA PAC and PC. “Additionally, Roger Chapin brings decades of experience within the public and private sector, leadership in serving our community, and fostering economic development. We are excited to endorse this strong group of pro-hospitality candidates during the 2025 election cycle, as we ensure that Central Florida remains the best place to work, play, live and visit.”

Robert Agrusa, President and CEO of CFHLA went on to say, “Strong leadership that recognizes the tourism and hospitality industry as the backbone of Central Florida’s economy, is essential to driving our economic success and enhancing the quality of life for all City of Orlando residents. These leaders have demonstrated a proven track record of service, a willingness to tackle the challenges facing the hospitality and tourism industry, and a clear focus on enhancing the well-being of our entire community.”

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

About Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association

As the largest regional hospitality association in the United States, CFHLA represents approximately 80% 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 nearly 500 "supplier" organizations that do business with the hospitality and tourism industries.

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