



May 9, 2019

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
-AND-  
County Commissioners

FROM: Byron W. Brooks, AICP, County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Appointments to the Orlando Community Redevelopment Agency  
Advisory Board  
**DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM MAY 21, 2019**

The Orlando Community Redevelopment Agency ("CRA") has two associated boards: the CRA and the CRA Advisory Board. There are two seats on the CRA Advisory Board designated for one Orange County commissioner and one citizen representative, both appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Accordingly, Mayor Demings is nominating Commissioner Siplin for reappointment to the CRA Advisory Board with a term expiring June 30, 2021, and Doug Taylor for appointment to the CRA Advisory Board as the citizen representative with a term expiring June 30, 2020. Mr. Taylor's bio is attached for your review. On May 21, 2019, the Board will be asked to consider these nominations.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please call me.

**ACTION REQUESTED: Appointments to the Orlando Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board.**

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Attachment

## Doug Taylor Biography

Doug opened his first business in Orange County in downtown Orlando on Church Street in 1992. Chillers remains open today. In 1994, Doug purchased the building where Chillers is located. While working to expand his brand and business of Chillers to other locations in Florida and the southeastern United States, he continued to reside in southwest Orange County. In 1997, he secured the rights to construct the first rooftop food and beverage facility in downtown, which became Latitudes. In 1999, he opened a brewpub, Big Belly Brewery, along with Latitudes in his building. In 2000, he purchased the building next door to Chillers from Sam Behr, a long-time shoe retailer in Orlando and prominent pitch man for a local tire retailer. In 2001, he opened Antigua Nightclub in that building.

In September of 2008, Doug opened Ember Restaurant and Bar on Central Boulevard. He followed that opening four months later by opening Rok Room Lounge in December of 2008. In January of 2011, he opened ONE80 Skytop Lounge at the Amway Center. In 2016, he opened Cahoots. In 2017, he opened Irish Shannon's on Church Street. In October, 2018, he opened Clandestino on Church Street. In December of 2018, he opened City PUB in the North Quarter of downtown. In early 2019, he opened Bitters & Bottles also in the North Quarter of downtown. Doug continues to reinvest in other property and buildings in Orange County. His businesses have received multiple design award nominations, while winning a Golden Brick and an Award of Excellence for Best Design. He currently owns a total of ten brands in Orange County.

Doug is involved in his community. Through both his company and individual efforts, he supports a number of charitable and civic endeavors including co-founding a non-profit and serving in leadership positions in a variety of others. Over the course of his career in addition to engagement in civic organizations and volunteer work with and in support of local governments, he has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities including two separate autism charities and a K-8 school for at-risk children in Parramore. He supports other causes as he can.

He is originally from Americus, Georgia where his parents still reside. He matriculated at the Georgia Institute of Technology as a Presidential Scholar. He was an honor graduate, awarded a bachelor of science degree in management from Georgia Tech in 1989.