



MAYOR CROTTY CONNECTION



Mayor's Message

November 6, 2009

Over the past few years I have heard a number of concerns about taxis from clients of the Orange County Convention Center. These comments have included inconsistent rates, rate gouging, and even rude behavior by certain taxi drivers who service the convention center. Getting our visitors safely to attractions and other destinations within Orange County is of paramount importance and has a major impact on tourism, not only for Orange County, but the entire Central Florida region.

During this week's Board of County Commissioners meeting, county staff provided the Board with an overview of the current issues, options for the Board to consider, along with advantages and disadvantages of each option. The Board also heard from various stakeholders of the Convention Center and recommendations and strategies.

The outcome of this discussion was to move forward approving a plan to privatize taxi service at the convention center. Companies will submit proposals for the job and will face tough new rules enforcing fares and ensuring customer safety. Expect the bid process to hit the street in early 2010.

Watch the discussion on [Orange TV Video on Demand](#) by choosing the November 3rd Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Regards,

Richard T. Crotty

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