



STATE SENATOR DARREN SOTO

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Soto Attends Orange County Delegation Meeting



We had our second Orange County Delegation meeting this past month. We heard compelling testimony regarding opting out of high stakes testing, renewing the film tax credit, continuing to authorize local governments to pass wage theft statutes, and passing Medicaid Expansion. Orange has many needs this year for both policy and budget matters. We will do our best to meet them to improve the quality of life of our constituents.

Soto Hosts Education Town Hall Meeting

I hosted a Hispanic Education Town Hall meeting at Asociacion Borinquena



recently. We tackled implementation of my recently passed bill giving students who speak a first language other than English (ESOL) two years before their Florida Standards Exam (formerly FCAT) will count. We also reviewed my new legislation allowing ESOL students who arrive in Florida at age 15 or older the opportunity to attend community college under a dual enrollment program to finish their high school courses and learn English. These proposals will give recent immigrant students a greater opportunity to learn English, advance their education and

become more integrated into our society.

Soto Attends Kissimmee Lakefront Grand Opening



We had a wonderful Kissimmee Lakeside Grand Opening this past month with a concert featuring Sugar Ray, Uncle Kracker and Frankie Negron. After ten years of planning and construction, the beautifully redone lakefront is now the new crown and jewel of Downtown Kissimmee, hosting several stages, parks, picnic areas and a marina. This is a critical addition to our way of life in Kissimmee. I strongly urge you to take the time to visit the Lakefront with family and friends on a beautiful sunny

Florida day.

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