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## Hadeed, O'Brien to speak Tuesday at House sub-committee about vacation rental

**March 27, 2017** – Flagler County Commissioner Donald O'Brien and Flagler County Attorney Al Hadeed on Tuesday will address a Florida House sub-committee about short-term vacation rentals in an effort to maintain hard-fought local control of the businesses that operate them.

"Residents are not in favor of state pre-emption," O'Brien said. "We are doing everything possible to keep in place what Flagler County fought for in 2014."

Hadeed and O'Brien will attend the 8 a.m. meeting of the "Careers and Competition," sub-committee of the Commerce Committee. The meeting will stream live at <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/default.aspx>.

State Representative Paul Renner, who is a member of the sub-committee, along with Commissioner Greg Hansen held a town hall meeting about the issue Saturday to provide the Florida representative with feedback from residents to bring back to the sub-committee.

"I'm not in favor of this bill," Renner said at the meeting, "because there was a lot of compromise (to get that legislation approved) and I don't believe three years is enough time to see if it is really working."

The meeting drew standing-room crowd at the Hammock Community Center where it was held. No one spoke in favor of House Bill 425 which would pre-empt local control.

Renner said if the sub-committee votes against the bill it will not go any further during this Legislative Session.

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