

The Connecticut General Assembly

House Democrats



December 4, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SPEAKER-DESIGNATE RITTER/MAJORITY LEADER ROJAS ANNOUNCE REP. PALM AS INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE HEAD

House Speaker-designate **Matt Ritter** (D-Hartford) and House Majority Leader **Jason Rojas** (D-Manchester, East Hartford) today announced the appointment of **Rep. Christine Palm** (D-Chester, Deep River, Essex, Haddam) as the Democratic leader of the bipartisan Internship Committee for Legislative Staff Internships.

"Since she entered the legislature, Rep. Palm has been one of the most passionate and vocal advocates for young adults, particularly young women," said Speaker-designate Ritter. "I know she will use her experience as a former teacher to make sure legislative interns receive a valuable experience."

"Rep. Palm knows our young people are the future, and I am confident she will use this position to ensure the legislature provides a useful and fulfilling education to students," said Majority Leader Rojas.

"It is vital that Connecticut's young people participate in the legislative process, as today's students are tomorrow's elected officials," said Rep. Palm. "We need to encourage young adult earners to stay in Connecticut, and I'm excited to make sure this is a two-way street – we in government can gain as much from the energy and perspectives of Millennials and Gen Z as they can gain from internship opportunities in the General Assembly."

"I want to thank Speaker-designate Ritter and Majority Leader Rojas for giving me the opportunity to advance the education of civic-minded students and to encourage my colleagues to listen to our young people, who have really stepped up – especially in fighting for the environment."

Rep. Palm was elected to represent Connecticut's 36th House district in 2018. During her first term in office, she served on the Environment, Judiciary, and Regulations Review committees.

###