

House Republican Press Release

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HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER CAFERO NAMES LEADERSHIP TEAM



HARTFORD - House Republican Leader state Rep. Lawrence F. Cafero Jr., today named the caucus leadership team for the upcoming 2009 legislative session.

“This is a very strong group of experienced lawmakers who represent more than Connecticut residents in 79 communities . We face difficult times ahead but this team of leaders is up to the challenge,” Cafero said. “As House Republicans have done for the last two years, we will make a difference and influence the debate over the direction Connecticut will take despite being in the minority. There is no question my mind that Connecticut would be in even worse fiscal shape than we are were not for the House Republican agenda the last two years.’”

Cafero announced that his **Deputy Leaders** will continue on: state Rep. Themis Klarides of Derby and Rep. William Hamzy of Terryville. Rep. John Harkin of Stratford will be **Deputy Leader-At-Large** and the new **Caucus Chair** will be Rep. Penny Bacchiochi of Somers.

Rep. John Frey of Ridgefield, Rep. Pam Sawyer of Bolton and Rep. John Piscopo of Thomaston will serve **House Republican Whips**.

Assistant Leaders are:

Rep. Mary Ann Carson of New Fairfield; Rep. Clark Chapin of New Milford; Rep. Tony D’Amelio of Waterbury; Rep. Livvy Floren and Lile Gibbons both of Greenwich; Rep. John Hetherington of New Canaan; Rep. DebraLee Hovey of Monroe; Rep. David Labriola of Naugatuck; Rep. Craig Miner of Litchfield; Rep. Selim Noujaim of Waterbury; Rep. Arthur O’Neill of Southbury, Rep. David Scribner of Brookfield and Rep. John Stripp of Weston.

Committee Assignments:

Appropriations: Craig Miner – RM, Fred Camillo, John Hetherington, DebraLee Hovey, Tony Hwang, Arthur O’Neill, Jason Perillo, Pam Sawyer, John Stripp, Terrie Wood

Finance, Revenue and Bonding: Vinny Candelora – RM, Mary Ann Carson, Chris Coutu, Livvy Floren, John Frey, Lile Gibbons, Themis Klarides, Tim LeGeyt, John Piscopo, John Rigby, David Scribner

Education: Marilyn Giuliano – RM, Tony Hwang, Themis Klarides, David Labriola, Tim LeGeyt, Terrie Wood

Environment: Clark Chapin – RM, Fred Camillo, Larry Miller, Craig Miner, Jason Perillo, John Piscopo, Terrie Wood

Government Administration and Elections: John Hetherington – RM, Livvy Floren, David Labriola

Judiciary: Arthur O’Neill – RM, Bill Aman, Chris Coutu, Bill Hamzy, John Hetherington, DebraLee Hovey, Themis Klarides, David Labriola, T.R. Rowe

Planning and Development: Bill Aman – RM, Vinny Candelora, Craig Miner, T.R. Rowe

Transportation: David Scribner – RM, Fred Camillo, Lile Gibbons, Jan Giegler, John Harkins, Tony Hwang, Pam Sawyer

Banks: John Stripp – RM, John Frey, Bill Hamzy, John Harkins

Energy and Technology: Sean Williams – RM, Bill Hamzy, Larry Miller, John Rigby

General Law: Penny Bacchiochi – RM, Bill Aman, Tony D’Amelio

Insurance: Tony D’Amelio – RM, Mike Alberts, Penny Bacchiochi, Sean Williams

Labor and Public Employees: Selim Noujaim – RM, Bill Aman

Human Services: Lile Gibbons – RM, Clark Chapin, Chris Coutu, John Rigby

Public Health: Jan Giegler – RM, Mary Ann Carson, Marilyn Giuliano, Themis Klarides, Tim LeGeyt, David Scribner

Public Safety: Jason Perillo – RM, Penny Bacchiochi, Clark Chapin, Tony D’Amelio

Commerce: Mike Alberts – RM, Selim Noujaim, John Stripp, Sean Williams

Legislative Management: Larry Cafero – RM, John Harkins, John Piscopo, Pam Sawyer

Executive and Legislative Nominations: John Piscopo – RM, Jan Giegler, Bill Hamzy

Program Review and Investigations: Mary Ann Carson – RM, Vinny Candelora, Marilyn Giuliano

Regulation Review: T.R. Rowe – CHAIR, Vinny Candelora, Bill Hamzy, Arthur O’Neill

Higher Education and Employment Advancement: Pam Sawyer – RM, Mike Alberts, Selim Noujaim, John Rigby

Housing: Larry Miller – RM, T.R. Rowe

Children: DebraLee Hovey – RM, Mike Alberts

Internship: Jan Giegler – CHAIR, Themis Klarides

Veterans’ Affairs: John Harkins – RM, Chris Coutu

Aging: John Frey – RM, Livvy Floren