



Christy Holstege was re-elected to the Palm Springs City Council in November 2020, representing District 4. In December 2020, she was appointed to serve as Mayor for a one-year term by the City Council. She is the first woman to serve as mayor in the history of Palm Springs – and is also the first openly bisexual mayor in the country.

Holstege currently represents the City of Palm Springs on several important Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) committees, including Homelessness, Public Safety and Transportation. In addition, she leads the Mayor’s COVID-19 Reopening Task Force, serves on the City’s Economic Development & Business Retention Ad Hoc Subcommittee and the City’s Affordable Housing and Homelessness Task Force. She also serves as Council liaison to the Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter.

An attorney, prior to being elected to the Palm Springs City Council, Holstege was awarded a Stanford Law School-Stanford Public Interest Foundation Fellowship and funding to establish a legal aid clinic for domestic violence survivors within the Coachella Valley’s only domestic violence shelter. She has also represented farmworkers in civil rights, housing, and employment litigation at California Rural Legal Assistance in Coachella, California. Holstege earned a J.D. from Stanford Law School and a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology from U.C. Santa Barbara.

Mayor Holstege has been an active member of the Palm Springs community, serving on the board of directors for Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, Well in the Desert, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, and Shady Lane Mobile Home Park. She also served on the City of Palm Springs Human Rights Commission and the Palm Springs Homelessness Task Force.

Holstege is proud to live in Palm Springs with her husband Adam Gilbert, who is a business owner and a third-generation resident of Palm Springs, their newborn son

-- and dogs Layla and Ollie. They live in the Sonora Sunrise neighborhood in a home that their family has resided in for over 45 years.