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## **MERRILL: POLLS ARE OPEN IN 22 CONNECTICUT COMMUNITIES FOR MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES, GO AND VOTE!**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE ENCOURAGING VOTER PARTICIPATION AS DEMOCRATS  
AND REPUBLICANS CHOOSE GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES FOR NOVEMBER

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today reminded registered Democrats and Republicans in 22 Connecticut cities and towns that as of 6:00 a.m. polls are now open for municipal primaries. Secretary Merrill is encouraging enrolled members of either major party living in those communities to show up at the polls and cast ballots for offices such as Mayor, First Selectman, Board of Education, Board of Finance, Council, Town Clerk, Sherriff, and other offices.

“It is very important to go out and vote today, because local government is where critical decisions are made regarding local schools, roads, the environment and in general the future of our communities,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “These primaries will choose Democratic and Republican general election candidates for November, and we have some very interesting races at the municipal level this year. We have our phone and email hotline up and running should any voter encounter a problem at the polls. Make sure your voice is heard and that you exercise your right to choose the future leaders of your community.”

For the municipal primaries, the Secretary of the State’s office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission have opened the Election Day hotline **1-866-SEEC-INFO (1-866-733-2463)** to report problems at the polls. In addition, the two agencies are providing an email alert contact – [elections@ct.gov](mailto:elections@ct.gov) – for voters to use if they encounter any difficulties casting ballots during the day. Voters who do use the hotline or email to describe problems can either state their name or report issues anonymously; but are asked to state the town and polling place where they are observing the problems, and provide as many specifics or details as they can. This

will greatly assist SEEC or Secretary of the State's staff to address the issue and find a solution as expeditiously as possible.

Voters can go to the Secretary of the State's website [www.sots.ct.gov](http://www.sots.ct.gov) to see if they are registered to vote and where their polling place is located. Only registered Democrats and Republicans can vote in the primaries. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. today in the following communities for the municipal primaries:

### **Primary List for September 10, 2013**

(Based on information submitted to the Secretary of the State's office by town clerks as of Tuesday September 9, 2013)

<b>TOWN</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>
Bethel	R	First Selectman, Selectman, Police Commission
Bozrah	D	Town Clerk
Bridgeport	D	Common Council Districts 132-1, 132-2, 135-1, 135- 2, 135-3, 136-1, 136-2, 136-3, 137-1, 137-2, Board of Education
Cromwell	D	Town Council
East Haven	D	Mayor, Town Council Districts 1-5, Bd of Ed, Bd of Finance
Enfield	R	Councilman at Large
Haddam	R D	Town Clerk
Killingworth	R	First Selectman, Selectman, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Board of Finance, Board of Assessment Appeals, P&Z Comm, ZBA Fire Comm, Reg. Bd of Ed-2yr. Vacancy
Lisbon	R	Board of Education
Middletown	D	P & Z Comm
Milford	D	Board of Education
New Haven	D	Mayor, City Clerk, Alderman districts 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 14, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27

North Haven	D	Selectman
Norwalk	D	Mayor
Norwich	D	Mayor
Sherman	D	Selectman
South Windsor	R	Town Council
Stratford	D	Mayor, Council 3
Stamford	D	Mayor , Board of Representatives Districts 6, 13
Stamford	R	Board of Representatives districts 13, 18
Torrington	D	Mayor
West Haven	D	Mayor, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Bd of Ed, Bd of Assessment Appeals, Council at Large, Council districts 1-10
Woodbury	R	First Selectman