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**SECRETARY MERRILL RELEASES
PRELIMINARY TOP OFFICE RESULTS FROM
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REPORTS RECOUNTS TAKING PLACE IN EAST
HAVEN, WEST HAVEN, AND KILLINGWORTH FOR VARIOUS MUNICIPAL
OFFICES

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today released preliminary results for top office from yesterday's municipal primary elections in 22 towns in Connecticut. Secretary Merrill is also reporting that there will be close election recounts taking place in East Haven, West Haven, and Killingworth for various municipal offices. Connecticut state law requires an automatic recount of election results when the margin between the top two candidates is less than 0.5% of all votes cast, or less than 20 votes. By law, the town clerk must call the recount and the town has 7 days from the date of the primary to re-run the machine totals from the September 10th primary.

“Once again we have seen how close election results can be at the municipal level,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “This really reinforces the idea that every vote truly does count, especially with critical decisions facing our communities such as local budgets and taxes, schools, road construction, environmental protection and other important issues. My office has spoken with town officials where recounts are taking place and we are confident the recounts for these municipal primary races will be conducted smoothly so we will know who all of our candidates will be for November.”

Recounts are taking place in the following towns for the following primary results: East Haven (Town Council districts 1-4, Board of Education, Board of Finance), West Haven (Mayor), and Killingworth (Selectman, Town Clerk, Board of Finance, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Fire Commissioners, Regional Board of Education). For the vast majority of Connecticut cities and towns, polls will open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the general municipal election on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Absentee ballots become available for the municipal elections on Friday October 4, 2013 and the deadlines to register to vote are Tuesday October 22nd by mail and Tuesday October 29th in-person

at town offices. Voters can go to the Secretary of the State's website www.sots.ct.gov to see if they are registered to vote and where their polling place is located. Top office primary results can be seen below:

Preliminary Top Office Results for September 10, 2013 Municipal Primary

(Based on head moderator returns submitted to the Secretary of the State's office. * denotes endorsed candidates)

Town	Office Name	Candidates	Party	Votes
Bethel	First Selectman	William I. Duff *	Republican	424
		Robert E. Burke	Republican	250
East Haven	Mayor	John "Jack" Stacey Jr.*	Democratic	969
		Gary DePalma	Democratic	839
Killingworth	First Selectman	Matthew Young*	Republican	235
		Richard Thomas Ross	Republican	215
New Haven	Mayor	Toni N. Harp	Democratic	7327
		Kermit D. Carolina	Democratic	1195
		Justic M. Elicker	Democratic	3417
		Henry J. Fernandez	Democratic	2782
Norwalk	Mayor	Andy Garfunkel	Democratic	340
		Vincent F. Mangiacopra	Democratic	781
		Matthew T. Miklave	Democratic	501
		Harry W. Rilling	Democratic	1703
Norwich	Mayor	Charles Jaskiewicz III *	Democratic	627
		Deb Hinchey	Democratic	858
Stamford	Mayor	David R. Martin*	Democratic	3236
		William M. Tong	Democratic	3039
Stratford	Mayor	Beth O. Daponte*	Democratic	755
		Joseph L. Paul	Democratic	911
Torrington	Mayor	George J. Craig*	Democratic	373
		Collin R. Good	Democratic	327
West Haven	Mayor	John M. Picard*	Democratic	2787
		Edward M. O'Brien	Democratic	2799
Woodbury	First Selectman	Gerald D. Stomski*	Republican	468
		William J. Butterly, Jr.	Republican	343