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## **MERRILL: POLLS ARE OPEN ACROSS CONNECTICUT FOR 30 CONNECTICUT PRIMARIES, GO AND VOTE!**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REPORTS MORE THAN 400,000 REGISTERED  
REPUBLICANS, MANY DEMOCRATS ELIGIBLE TO CAST BALLOTS TODAY

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today reminded registered Republicans in Connecticut that as of 6:00 a.m. polls are now open for statewide primaries for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Comptroller, as well as a number of local and regional primaries for state legislature, Judge of Probate, and Registrar of Voters. Registered Democrats can also vote in a variety of local and regional primaries for state legislature, Judge of Probate, and Registrar of Voters. A complete breakdown of Registered Voters and all primaries in Connecticut today follows at the bottom of this news release.

“If you are a registered Democrat or Republican who can cast a ballot in a primary it is very important to go out and vote today, because this is your chance to have a say in who goes on the ballot in November, with the winners of those elections making critical state government decisions,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “We have some very exciting primaries this year, both for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and a number of state house and senate seats, and even some local primaries are quite hotly contested. Should any voters encounter any problems at the polls today we will be available during the day, please call or email us if you have any concerns while voting today, our hotline is now up and running. Make sure your voice is heard and that you exercise your right to choose the future leaders of your community and your state. So if you are eligible today, go and vote!”

For today’s 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 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. In addition to the email and telephone hotline, the Secretary of the State’s office and staff from the SEEC will hold two separate conference calls during the day today to share information about potential problems or complaints at the polls, and coordinate the appropriate responses to these issues.

Voters can go to the Secretary of the State’s website [www.sots.ct.gov/vote](http://www.sots.ct.gov/vote) to see if they are registered to vote, where their polling place is located, and what candidates will be on their local ballot. 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. The following primaries have been reported to the Secretary of the State’s office (\* denotes party endorsed candidate):

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Party</u></b>	<b><u>Candidate</u></b>
Governor	Republican	*Thomas C. Foley John P. McKinney
Lieutenant Governor	Republican	*Penny Bacchiochi Heather Somers David M. Walker
Comptroller	Republican	*Sharon J. McLaughlin Angel Cadena
State Senate 2	Democratic	*Shawn Wooden Eric D. Coleman Len Walker
State Senate 20	Democratic	*Elizabeth B. Ritter William L. Satti
State Senate 22	Democratic	*Anthony J. Musto Marilyn Moore
State Senate 23	Democratic	*Andres Ayala, Jr. Scott Hughes
Assembly District 7	Democratic	*Douglas McCroy Donna Thompson-Daniel
Assembly District 23	Republican	*Devin R. Carney Vicki Lanier
Assembly District 32	Democratic	*Kathleen G. Richards Anthony “Tony” Salvatore

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Assembly District 44	Democratic	*Christine Rosati Michael Cartier
Assembly District 47	Republican	No Endorsement Doug Dubitsky Noah Enslow Michael P. Meadows
Assembly District 48	Democratic	*Linda A. Orange Jason Paul
Assembly District 64	Republican	*Brian Ohler Mark Lauretano
Assembly District 122	Republican	*Ben McGorty Michael C. Vickerelli
Assembly District 124	Democratic	*Ernie Newton Andre Baker
Assembly District 128	Democratic	*Christopher Rosario Christina Ayala Dennis Bradley Teresa Davidson
Assembly District 133	Democratic	*Cristin McCarthy Vahey Matt Waggner
Assembly District 137	Democratic	*David Watts Chris Perone
Assembly District 140	Democratic	*Bruce Morris Warren Pena
Assembly District 142	Republican	*Emily Wilson Fred Wilms
Probate District Plainfield/Killingly 27	Democratic	*Andrea Truppa Anna Zubkova
Probate District Madison/Guilford 34	Republican	*William Bilcheck Gail S. Kotowski
Registrar of Voters – Bristol	Democratic	*Kevin McCauley  Mary Rydingsward

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Registrar of Voters - Chaplin	Republican	*Eugene V. Boomer, Jr.  William L. Jenkins
Registrar of Voters - Danbury	Democratic	*Susan Lewis Ward  Margaret F. Gallo
Registrar of Voters - Hampton	Democratic	*Marilynn S. Higgins  Matthew E. LaFontaine
Registrar of Voters – North Stonington	Democratic	*Marilyn MacKay  Joan L. Kepler
Registrar of Voters - Norwalk	Republican	*John F. Federici  Karen Doyle Lyons
Registrar of Voters – Somers	Republican	*William Karl Walton III  David P. McCaffrey

**TOTAL CT ACTIVE REGISTERED VOTERS BY PARTY  
AS OF 8/11/2014**

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>COUNT</u>
A Better Future	2
A Brookfield Party	3
A Connecticut Party	1
A Sentinel Party	23
Canterbury First	2
Chatham Party	10
<b>Democratic</b>	<b>705,403</b>
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	13
Green	1,636
Guilty	1
Independence	12
Independence For Montville	8
Independent	15,157
Independent Choice	1
Libertarian	1,654

Milford Independent Party	6
Norwich for Change	1
Open	8
Pro-Bethel	2
Realistic Balance	4
Reform	12
<b>Republican</b>	<b>401,374</b>
Simsbury Citizens First	1
South Windsor Citizens	1
Spring Glen Party	8
Swing	1
The Hampton Party	1
U-It	6
U/I	1
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>801,407</b>
Unaffiliated (Conservative)	1
We The People	45
Winsted Independent	37
Working Families	271
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,927,115</b>

**NEW VOTERS ADDED SINCE 1/1/14**

<b><u>PARTY</u></b>	<b><u>COUNT</u></b>
<b>Democratic</b>	<b>11,603</b>
Green	54
Independent	904
Libertarian	95
Reform	1
<b>Republican</b>	<b>7,413</b>
U/I	1
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	<b>19,703</b>
Winsted Independent	1
Working Families	17
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,792</b>