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**MERRILL ANNOUNCES THAT VISCONTI, HARRIS
HAVE QUALIFIED FOR NOVEMBER BALLOT**
SECRETARY OF THE STATE REPORTS THRESHOLD OF 7500 SIGNATURES REACHED

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today announced that her office has approved the nominating petition of Joe Visconti to appear on the ballot for the office of Governor of Connecticut and of Chester Frank Harris to appear on the ballot for the office of Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut. The number of petition signatures of registered voters required to appear on the ballot for this office is 7500. Attached to this release is a copy of the letter of notification to Mr. Visconti and Mr. Harris from this office informing them that they will appear on the November 4 ballot as petitioning candidates.

Petitioning candidates for the November ballot had until August 6 to file their petitions with local town clerks or with the Office of the Secretary of the State. Town clerks have two weeks from the date of receipt of each petition page to file them with the Secretary of the State. However, if petitions are turned in to the Secretary of the State, those petitions are then transmitted to local town clerks, who in turn have two weeks from the date of receipt from this office to file the counted petitions.

The role of the Office of the Secretary of the State in this process is not to examine signatures for validity, but rather to tally the signatures marked as valid by each town in order to produce a statewide or district wide total number of valid petition signatures. A running tally of signatures is not announced; rather, once a candidate has met the required threshold for that office, a letter of notification is sent to that candidate.

This office will release to the media a letter of notification for each candidate who is approved to appear on the November ballot once that candidate has been informed.



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DENISE W. MERRILL
 Secretary of the State
JAMES FIELD SPALLONE
 Deputy Secretary of the State

Thursday August 20, 2014

Mr. Joe Visconti
 Clifton Avenue
 West Hartford, CT 06107

Dear Mr. Visconti:

Congratulations. The nominating petition filed with this office on behalf of the following candidates for the offices listed below, as Petitioning Candidates, have been examined as required by law and is hereby approved.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Governor	Joe Visconti	1 Clifton Ave., West Hartford 06107
Lt. Governor	Chester Frank Harris	22 Collins Lane, Haddam Neck 06424

Such candidates are therefore qualified to appear on the ballot for the foregoing offices to be contested at the State Elections to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, as *Petitioning Candidates*.

Sincerely,

Denise W. Merrill
 Secretary of the State

(Ms.) O.P. Williams
 Elections Officer
 Legislation and Elections Administration Division

Cc: All Town Clerks
 Chester Frank Harris