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**SECRETARY MERRILL: ONLINE POLLING
PLACE LOCATOR TOOL AVAILABLE FOR
CONNECTICUT PRIMARIES AUGUST 12TH**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE ENCOURAGES ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO USE ONLINE
POLLING PLACE LOCATOR BEFORE PRIMARY DAY

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill is reminding eligible voters in advance of the Connecticut primaries Tuesday August 12, 2014 about the polling place locator tool easily accessed online at www.sots.ct.gov where voters can type in their address and find where their polling place is located. The tool, developed by the Pew Charitable Trusts Voting Information Project (VIP) in partnership with Google and Microsoft, also shows voters a map with directions how to get to their local polling precinct as well as the candidates on the Republican or Democratic primary ballot in their voting district.

“This online polling place locator is a wonderful example of how technology is making it easier than ever to participate in the democratic process,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “By providing this free service to Connecticut’s eligible voters, I hope many registered Democrats and Republicans take advantage of easily finding their polling location and go out and exercise their right to vote next Tuesday!”

A direct link to the online polling place locator tool is found at:
https://www.votinginfoproject.org/vit/view/ct_primary_election_2014.

Though the deadline to register to vote by mail and online has passed, Secretary Merrill encourages eligible voters who have yet to register to do so in person at town offices by August 11th at noon. Only registered Democrats and Republicans can cast a ballot in the primary. Unaffiliated voters face that same August 11th at noon deadline to enroll with a major party.

Voters can go online to www.sots.ct.gov/vote to see if they are registered to vote and where their polling place is located, register to vote, download an application for an absentee ballot, and view the list of candidates. Absentee ballots for the primary are now available and will be counted as long as town clerks receive them by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12th. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on August 12, 2014 for registered Republicans and Democrats to cast ballots.

The following primaries reported to the Office of the Secretary of the State will be on the ballot on August 12, 2014 (* denotes party endorsed candidate):

<u>Office</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
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
Assembly District 44	Democratic	*Christine Rosati Michael Cartier

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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

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Registrar of Voters – Bristol	Democratic	*Kevin McCauley Mary Rydingsward
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