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MERRILL: TOMORROW IS MAIL-IN AND ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS
PRIMARIES WILL TAKE PLACE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH; VOTERS HAVE
UNTIL TUESDAY 9/15 AT NOON TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARIES - UNAFFILIATED
VOTERS CAN ENROLL WITH A MAJOR PARTY TO VOTE IN PRIMARY

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today is reminding voters in 23 cities and towns that voter registration deadlines are fast approaching for municipal primaries taking place in their communities. Registered Democrats and Republicans in those communities (listed at the bottom of this news release) will be able to go to the polls between 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for municipal primaries on Wednesday September 16, 2015. Eligible voters wishing to register in communities holding a primary have until tomorrow – Friday September 11th – to register by mail or online. The final in-person deadline to register to vote in order to cast a ballot for the primaries is 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 15th at a voter's local Registrar of Voters office. Only Registered Republicans or Democrats can vote in their local party primary. Unaffiliated voters have until that same final deadline of September 15th at noon to enroll in a major party in-person if they want to vote in the primary.

“Voter Registration deadlines are approaching very quickly for the upcoming municipal primaries this year,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “Anyone who is not yet registered to vote or is an unaffiliated voter living in one of the communities holding primaries must register online or by mail by this Friday September 11th. The final day to register in time to vote in the primaries is next Tuesday September 15th at noon but that must be done in-person at your local Registrar of Voters office. I strongly urge anyone concerned with the future of your community to register with a party if you haven’t done so, and cast a primary ballot on Wednesday September 16th.”

The 2015 municipal primaries take place on a Wednesday this year instead of the usual Tuesday due to the occurrence of Labor Day on Monday September 7th and the

coincidence of the following Tuesday with the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah. Connecticut state law prohibits a primary from taking place the day after Labor Day, and also bars a primary from taking place on a religious holiday which the tenets of a religion forbid secular activity, directing the primary to occur the following day.

Polls will open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for municipal primaries in 23 communities on September 16th. Absentee ballots are now available and in order to be counted for the municipal primary, they must be received by Town Clerks' offices no later than 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday September 16, 2015. The majority of Connecticut's municipalities will hold a general election for municipal candidates on November 3, 2015. 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. Primaries will be taking place in the following communities:

Primary List for September 16, 2015

(Based on information submitted to the Secretary of the State's office by town clerks as of Monday August 31, 2015)

TOWN	PARTY	OFFICE
Bethel	R	First Selectman
Bridgeport	D	Mayor, Board of Education (Districts 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139), City Clerk, Town Clerk, City Sheriffs, City Council (Districts 127, 130, 131, 132, 138)
Bridgeport	R	City Sherriff
Durham	R	Selectman
East Haddam	R	Selectman
East Windsor	R	First Selectman, Selectman
Ellington	R	First Selectman
Hampton	R	Tax Collector
Hartford	D	Judge of Probate, Mayor, Treasurer, City Council, Constables
Killingworth	R	First Selectman, Selectman, Board of Finance, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates, Fire Commissioner, Regional Board of Ed-2yr. Vacancy
Lebanon	R	First Selectman
Middletown	D	Common Council, Board of Education
Naugatuck	R	Mayor
New Britain	D	Board of Education

New Haven	D	Board of Alders districts 1, 11, 12, 14, 18, 20, 28, 30
New London	D	Mayor, City Council
Norwalk	D	Common Council (Districts A1, A2, A3, A4, B1, B2), Board of Education (Districts A1, A2, A3, A4, B1, B2), Second Taxing District Commissioner
Portland	D	Town Clerk
Somers	R	First Selectman
Stamford	D	Board of Representatives
Stratford	D	Town Council District 3, Zoning Commission District 1
Stratford	R	Town Council Districts 2, 7
Suffield	D	Selectman
Waterbury	D	Board of Aldermen District 4
Waterbury	R	Board of Aldermen District 2
West Haven	D	Mayor, City Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Board of Education, Board of Assessment Appeals, Councilman at Large, Councilman