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MERRILL: POLLS ARE OPEN IN 23 CONNECTICUT COMMUNITIES FOR MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES, GO AND VOTE!

SECRETARY OF THE STATE ENCOURAGING VOTER PARTICIPATION AS DEMOCRATS
AND REPUBLICANS CHOOSE GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES FOR NOVEMBER

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today reminded registered Democrats and Republicans in 23 Connecticut cities and towns that as of 6:00 a.m. polls are now open for municipal primaries. Secretary Merrill is encouraging enrolled members of either major party living in those communities to show up at the polls and cast ballots for offices such as Mayor, First Selectman, Board of Education, Board of Finance, Council, Town Clerk, Sherriff, and other offices.

“It is very important to go out and vote today, because local government is where critical decisions are made regarding local schools, roads, the environment and in general the future of our communities,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “These primaries will choose Democratic and Republican general election candidates for November, and we have some very interesting races at the municipal level this year. We have our phone and email hotline up and running should any voter encounter a problem at the polls. Make sure your voice is heard and that you exercise your right to choose the future leaders of your community.”

For the municipal 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 – 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 specifics or 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.

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. 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 in the following communities for the municipal primaries:

Primary List for September 16, 2015

(Based on information submitted to the Secretary of the State's office by town clerks as of 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