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HARTFORD ELECTION MONITOR FINISHES TERM

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill announced that the Hartford election monitor, Christine Horrigan, will finish her term after a successful tenure helping manage the city's elections.

Secretary Merrill said, "Attorney Horrigan's service to the city of Hartford has been laudable. She went above and beyond the call of duty working many more hours than were originally asked of her. She has been an energetic, accessible and diligent public servant. The voters of Hartford and the entire state owe her a debt of gratitude."

Attorney Horrigan said, "It was an honor to serve in the role and to work with the city of Hartford. I greatly appreciate the support that the Secretary of the State's office provided to me and the city as we navigated the daunting task of preparing for and running elections in Hartford. These are complex, difficult events to carry out yet thanks to the hard work of local elections officials and poll workers I have faith that democracy is thriving in Hartford and the rest of Connecticut."

The Hartford election monitor's position was made possible by Public Act 15-5, which created the role to run until January 1, 2017. In mid-2015, Secretary Merrill appointed Attorney Horrigan, who has more than two decades of legal and volunteer experience in the region, including nearly eight years as a volunteer election law and campaign finance specialist for the Connecticut League of Women Voters. Horrigan is also a certified election moderator and has served in such capacity in her hometown of Litchfield.

The election monitor was empowered to work with Hartford's registrars of voters and city clerk to instruct and advise them on the preparations for primaries and elections, including the preparation of regular and absentee ballots, and the training of election officials and poll workers. This included helping the registrars devise and implement a management plan for the successful execution of elections in Hartford in compliance with state and federal election laws.