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LARGEST AUDIT OF ELECTION RESULTS IN CONNECTICUT HISTORY

VOTING RIGHTS ADVOCATES JOIN SECRETARY OF THE STATE TO RANDOMLY
SELECT PRECINCTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz joined voting rights advocates from the League of Women Voters of Connecticut, TrueVoteCT, and CTVotersCount.Org, at a new conference at the State Capitol on Wednesday November 14th to randomly select voting precincts which will be part of the largest audit of election results in Connecticut history.

As required by Public Act 07-194, An Act Concerning the Integrity and Security of the Voting Process, ten percent of the polling precincts used in the election are subject to an audit. All told, 695 polling precincts were used on November 6th, meaning that 70 precincts will have their election results audited. (There are recounts in 39 towns comprising 149 precincts. Those precincts are exempt from audit selection.)

“These audits play a crucial role in helping guarantee the integrity and security of our elections,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “For the first time since the 1930’s Connecticut voters went to the polls and cast their ballots with a new form of voting machinery. It is important voters have faith that their vote will be recorded accurately and that’s why the independent audits are so vital.”

November 6th was the first general election held in Connecticut since Secretary Bysiewicz decertified the use of lever machines in July of 2007. While some municipalities have used the new machines before, 118 towns and cities for the first time used optical scan technology.

Public Act 07-194 states that local Registrars of Voters, "... shall conduct a manual audit of the votes recorded in not less than ten per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or municipality, whichever is applicable. Such manual audit shall be noticed in advance and be open to public observation." The results of audits will be analyzed by the University of Connecticut and then presented to the Secretary of the State's Office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and ultimately made available to the public.

The new law contains a detailed description of the audit process:

"The manual audit... shall consist of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots cast and counted by each voting machine subject to such audit. Once complete, the vote totals established pursuant to the manual tabulation shall be compared to the results reported by the voting machine on the day of the election or primary. The results of the manual tabulation shall be reported on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State which shall include the total number of ballots counted, the total votes received by each candidate in question, the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were properly completed by each voter and the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were not properly completed by each voter. Such report shall be filed with the Secretary of the State who shall immediately forward such report to The University of Connecticut for analysis. The University of Connecticut shall file a written report with the Secretary of the State regarding such analysis that describes any discrepancies identified. After receipt of such report, the Secretary of the State shall file such report with the State Elections Enforcement Commission."

All audits will be conducted in public and completed by the end of the month. After a public and random drawing, it was determined election results will be audited at the following precincts:

Town	Location
Ansonia	Saint Anthony's Church Ward 1
Avon	Avon Town Hall
Beacon Falls	Laurel Ledge School Gym
Berlin	Hubbard School
Branford	Orchard House - Voting District 3
Bridgeport	Thomas Hooker School District 138-2
Bridgeport	John F. Kennedy Campus District 138-1
Bridgeport	Roosevelt School District 131-2
Canterbury	Canterbury Town Hall

Colchester	Colchester Town Hall
Colchester	Westchester Fire House
Durham	Korn School 1
East Hartford	Langford School
East Hartford	Anna Norris School
East Windsor	Town Hall Annex
East Windsor	Town Hall
Easton	Samuel Staples School
Greenwich	Greenwich Town Hall Dist. 2
Groton	City Of Groton Municipal Building
Hampton	Hampton Town Offices
Hartford	Hartford Seminary
Hartford	Ramon Betances School
Harwinton	Town Hall Assembly Room
Kent	Town Hall
Lebanon	Fire Safety Complex
Meriden	Calvary Baptist Church Area 3
Milford	John F. Kennedy School District 2-1
Monroe	Stepney Elementary School
New Britain	Pulaski Middle School District 13
New Haven	Dwight School Ward 2
New Haven	Wilbur Cross High School Ward 10
New Haven	Benjamin Jepson Magnet School Ward 13
New Haven	Hillhouse High School Ward 28
New Haven	Bella Vista Ward 11
New Haven	Lincoln-Bassett School Ward 20
New Haven	Ellsworth Firehouse Ward 24
New London	Harbor School District 5
New London	New London High School District 2
New Milford	Pettibone School
North Haven	Montowese Elementary School
Norwalk	Marvin School - Voting District C1
Norwalk	Ponus Ridge School - District D1
Norwich	Rose City Senior Center
Plainfield	Moosup Fire Station
Plainfield	Town Hall Precinct 1a
Somers	Town Hall
Stamford	Cloonan Middle School Dist. 10
Stamford	St. Clements Church Hall Dist. 2
Stamford	Stillmeadow School Dist. 14
Stamford	Westover School Dist. 9

Sterling	Robert P. Jordan Community Center
Stratford	Baldwin Center District 1a 120 21
Stratford	Wooster Junior High School 120
Stratford	Johnson House 4b 121 23
Warren	Town Hall
Waterbury	Maloney School
Waterbury	Saint Peter and Paul School Gym 15
Waterbury	Blessed Sacrament School
Waterbury	Chase Park House
Waterbury	Knights Of Columbus
Waterbury	Gilmartin School
Watertown	Swift Middle School
West Hartford	Edward Morley School District 3-2
West Haven	Ann V. Molloy School Voting District 7
Westport	Greens Farms Elementary School District 5
Wethersfield	Emerson Williams School
Wethersfield	Highcrest School
Windham	Natchaug School
Windsor Locks	Mario Gatti Town Hall
Woodstock	Woodstock Town Hall