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**BYSIEWICZ: MORE THAN 2,000,000
CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS REGISTERED TO
VOTE FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NEXT
TUESDAY**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE URGES VOTERS TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD
NOVEMBER 3RD; COMPLETE LIST OF MAYORAL AND FIRST SELECTMAN
CANDIDATES, BALLOTS FROM ALL TOWNS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ONLINE

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today is announcing that more than 2.04 million Connecticut citizens are registered to vote in Municipal Elections to take place on Tuesday November 3, 2009. Bysiewicz is also urging Connecticut residents to make sure they get to the polls to cast ballots and be prepared when they head to their polling place. Polls will be open next Tuesday from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in 162 towns and cities holding Municipal Elections. The rest of Connecticut's municipalities held their local elections on May 4, 2009.

"Towns throughout Connecticut are facing some crucial decisions on schools, local budgets, road repair and other issues, so it is imperative that voters make their voices heard next Tuesday," said Secretary Bysiewicz. "Local elections are enormously important for determining the future direction of all of our communities. I urge all voters to be prepared to cast ballots by making sure they know where their polling place is, bring the proper identification and make a plan for when to vote."

Secretary Bysiewicz is encouraging voters to visit the Secretary of the State's web site www.sots.ct.gov to learn more about using the optical scan technology with paper ballots, the vote-by-phone system, acceptable forms of identification or to help locate their polling place. If you are a first-time voter who registered by mail on or after January 1, 2003, and you have to vote in person you must present to the checkers either a current and valid photo identification that shows your name and address; or present a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address. Connecticut voters are also reminded that any materials (including t-shirts, buttons or hats) deemed as campaign materials advocating a particular candidate or position are not permitted within 75 feet of the polling place.

Voters can now see a complete list of candidates for Mayor and First Selectman as well as ballots for all 162 municipalities in Connecticut holding elections next Tuesday by clicking on the following links:

List of Candidates for Mayor and First Selectman:

www.sots.ct.gov under "2009 Election Results and Turnout"

November 3, 2009 Municipal Election Town Ballots:

<http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp?a=3179&Q=448612>

In total, 131 towns are electing Mayors and First Selectmen. The top municipal offices are uncontested in 22 municipalities, representing 16.8% of the total. There are 54 women out of 279 total candidates for Mayor and First Selectman, representing 19.3% of the total. There are a total of 2,042,697 registered voters in Connecticut eligible to vote in Tuesday's Municipal Elections. Included in this total are 760,510 Democrats, 414,344 Republicans, and 856,462 unaffiliated voters.

Secretary of the State Bysiewicz will dispatch teams to monitor the municipal elections on Election Day. Voters can call the Secretary of the State's Office toll free at 1-800-540-3764 for any questions or problems on Election Day. Voters can also call the State Elections Enforcement Commission at 860-256-2940 to report any election irregularities or file complaints against candidates or poll workers.

TOTAL ACTIVE VOTERS AS OF 10/28/09

PARTY	COUNT
A Better Future	5
A Sentinel Party	35
Canterbury First	3
Chatham Party	10
Concerned Citizens	234
Connecticut For Lieberman	107
Democratic	760,510

Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	13
Green	1,824
Guilty	1
Independence	1,119
Independence For Montville	10
Independent	6,428
Libertarian	1,278
Norwich for Change	1
Pro-Bethel	5
Reform	94
Republican	414,344
Swing	1
The Hampton Party	5
Unaffiliated	856,462
Waterford Independent	1
We The People	50
Winsted Independent	45
Working Families	110
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TOTAL	2,042,697