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SECRETARY MERRILL: READY TO VOTE!

HARTFORD: A number of towns and cities will head to the polls to cast a vote in primaries around Connecticut. Secretary of the State Denise Merrill is reminding voters to bring acceptable forms of identification as well as utilize primary day tools, if needed, such as the polling place locator, voter hotline and election management system, where the public can view the results online.

Secretary Merrill said, "Myvote.ct.gov is the one-stop shop for all your voting information. Please check the portal to make sure your registration is up to date and to find your local polling place as well as get any other election information. And, most important, if your party is holding a primary in your town, don't forget to vote!"

Hotline:

Secretary Merrill and the State Elections Enforcement Commission have prepared the voter hotline. Members of the public should use the state's 866-SEEC-INFO hotline or email elections@ct.gov if they encounter any problems at the polls. The hotline and email address will be monitored throughout the day by the State Elections Enforcement Commission and the Secretary of the State's office.

Polling Place Locator:

Connecticut has an online polling place locator tool that can be accessed through www.myvote.ct.gov. Voters only have to type in their address in order to find the location of their local polling place. A direct link to the polling place locator is here: http://portal.ct.gov/where-do-i-vote.aspx

Identification:

Secretary Merrill is also reminding voters to bring with them some form of identification when they cast a ballot. A driver's license will suffice in all cases but if a voter does not have a government issued photo ID then a bank statement, utility bill, pay stub or other forms of identification are also acceptable. Voters should go to www.myvote.ct.gov see a complete list of acceptable forms of voter identification.

Online Election Results:

Primary results will be viewable through the state's Election Management System. The public portal is available through myvote.ct.gov or via http://ctemspublic.pcctg.net.

Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The following primaries reported to the Office of the Secretary of the State will be on the ballot on August 9, 2016 (* denotes party endorsed candidate):

Office	Town	Party	<u>Candidates</u>
State Senate - 06	New Britain	Democrat	*Terry Bielinski Gerratana
			Sharon Beloin-Saavedra
State Senate - 22	Bridgeport	Democrat	*Thomas C. McCarthy
			Marilyn V. Moore
State Senate - 23	Bridgeport	Democrat	*Dennis Bradley
			Ed Gomes
Assembly District -	New London	Democrat	*Ernest Hewett
39			Chris Soto
Assembly District -	Winchester,	Republican	*Jay M. Case
63	Colebrook,		David G. LaPointe
	Goshen,		
	Torrington		
Assembly District -	Bristol	Democrat	*Laura Bartok
77			Christy Matthews
Assembly District -	Hamden	Democrat	*James Pascarella
88			Joshua Elliott
Assembly District -	Shelton	Republican	*Jason Perillo
113			Ruth Parkins
Assembly District -	West Haven	Democrat	*Michael A. DiMassa
116			Louis P. Esposito, Jr.
Assembly District -	Bridgeport	Democrat	*Andre F. Baker, Jr.
124			Charles J. Coviello, Jr.
Assembly District -	Bridgeport	Democrat	*Charlie Stallworth
126			Maria H. Pereira
Assembly District -	Stamford	Democrat	*Terry B. Adams
146			Dan Dauplaise
Registrar of Voters	New Britain	Democrat	*Michael W. Trueworthy
			Lucian J. Pawlak
Registrar of Voters	West Haven	Democrat	*Sherri Lepper

			Patricia Horvath
Judge of Probate to	West Hartford	Democrat	*Owen Eagan
Fill Vacancy - 02			Michael J. Croll
Judge of Probate to	Bethel/Ridgefield	Republican	Patrick J. Walsh
Fill Vacancy - 45			Daniel O'Grady