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MERRILL: ADJOURNED DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BETWEEN CANDIDATES CANTY, MCGEE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 5TH HOUSE DISTRICT SET FOR OCTOBER 2, 2012

SECRETARY OF THE STATE RECEIVES LETTER OF WITHDRAWAL FROM
CANDIDATE TRINKS; RE-VOTE OF AUGUST 14TH PRIMARY IN
HARTFORD/WINDSOR DISTRICT

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today officially released the election calendar set forth by Hartford Superior Court District Judge Susan Peck in ordering an adjourned primary to take place between candidates Leo Canty and Brandon McGee on Tuesday October 2, 2012. Secretary Merrill received a letter of withdrawal of candidacy from Donald Trinks who had been on the ballot for the August 14th Democratic primary, after which Judge Peck ordered the adjourned primary where only candidates Canty and McGee appear on the ballot take place on October 2, 2012. A court-ordered recount showed each of them received 774 votes in the August 14th primary.

“After a long drawn out court battle, Democrats in the 5th General Assembly district will finally get to decide who their nominee will be for State Representative in the November 6th General Election,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s Chief Election official. “My office worked closely with Judge Peck to outline a calendar that will allow Democrats in the 5th Assembly district a very reasonable opportunity to make their voices heard in a way that will not disrupt preparations for the November general election. This tied election result only underscores the importance of every single vote, so I urge eligible Hartford and Windsor Democrats in this district to make their voices heard by casting a ballot.”

Polling precincts in the 5th General Assembly district will be open for the adjourned primary from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday October 2, 2012. Those eligible to vote in the adjourned primary include enrolled Democrats in the 5th General Assembly district who were on the official voter list for the primary held August 14, 2012. No voters newly registered as Democrats after the primary registration deadline of August 13th at 12:00 p.m. will be eligible to participate in the adjourned primary October 2nd. Absentee ballots for the adjourned primary are available as of today.

*Superior Court Judge Susan Peck's Court order in this matter is attached