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**MERRILL: TOWN BALLOTS FOR 2013
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AVAILABLE FOR
VIEWING ONLINE**

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HARTFORD: With just over two weeks to go before the 2013 Municipal Elections, Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today announced to Connecticut voters that ballots in every city and town holding elections on Tuesday November 5, 2013 are available for viewing online. Secretary Merrill is also urging the more than 2,000,000 registered voters in Connecticut to familiarize themselves with the municipal election ballots by going online to the Secretary of the State's website www.sots.ct.gov and following the "Elections and Voting" link to see the ballot in their town. The direct link to the town ballots is <http://www.sots.ct.gov/sots/cwp/view.asp?a=3179&Q=533410&PM=1>. Voters who use the vote-by-phone system are also encouraged to contact their local Registrar of Voters if they are interested in using the preview and practice function of the system prior to Election Day.

"I want to remind the voters of Connecticut that Election Day is around the corner in your town or city, so now is the time to find out with what offices and candidates are on the ballot," said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's chief elections official. "Many important decisions concerning town budgets and schools are going to be made in your community based on who wins the elections on November 5th. I urge every voter in Connecticut to visit our website, see who is running, and familiarize yourself with the ballot you will be using on Election Day."

On Election Day November 5, 2013 polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the vast majority of Connecticut cities and towns. Voters can check their registration status online and find where their polling place is by visiting www.sots.ct.gov. Voter registration deadlines are also approaching: eligible citizens who wish to register by mail must do so by Tuesday October 22nd and the final deadline to register in-person for the municipal election is Tuesday October 29, 2013.