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To All Registrars of Voters:

Re: Primary Petition Forms: State Offices, Municipal Offices At-Large and Municipal Offices From a Political Subdivision.

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-410, we are enclosing two sets of Primary Petition Signature Pages and Instruction Pages that are prescribed for use in connection with candidacies for nomination to state and municipal offices. The form for "Municipal Offices at Large" is to be used for municipal offices for which all the electors of a particular municipality may vote. A list of these offices appears at the end of the applicable Instruction Page.

The form for "Municipal Offices from Political Subdivisions" is to be used for those offices for which the electors of only part of a particular municipality may vote, a list of which appears at the end of the Instruction Page.

We urge you to keep the enclosed forms for your file. They are the official forms prescribed under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-410, and **should not be altered in any way** when preparing and providing primary petition forms for municipal office. **If such pages are duplicated, they must be copied front to back as they appear in this packet.**

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-409, petition forms must be available from the registrar "beginning on the day following the making of the party's endorsement of a candidate or candidates for such office or position or beginning on the day following the final day for the making of such endorsement under the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-391, whichever comes first."

Please note the requirement under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-409 that a primary petition candidate for the municipal office of State Representative (chosen from a district composed of a single town or part of a single town) **must include on their statement of consent the candidate's "name as he authorizes it to appear on the ballot."** (The enclosed primary petitions are **not** used for senatorial and assembly districts that cross town lines; for example, they are not used for a district composed of parts of two towns. Those petition pages are available from the Secretary of the State.)

Please remember to complete the blank on each instruction page, relating to the number of signatures required, the petition due date, and Part A of each primary petition signature page, **prior to** issuing the same. **The deadline for filing primary petitions is 4:00 p.m. on June 09, 2026.** Please remember that all Registrars of Voters' Offices must be open between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 09, 2026. (Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-405).

Under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-412, upon receiving the petition pages, the registrar must give to the person submitting them a signed receipt stating the number of pages and the date and time of filing. It also requires that after certifying on each page the number of signers who are enrolled electors, the registrar must file the pages

with the town clerk, **together with the registrar's certificate as to the whole number of names on the last-completed enrollment list of such party in such town or political subdivision.**

Active and Inactive Enrollment List:

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §§9-35, 9-54, 9-55, 9-64a, 9-64b and 9-396, there is an Active and Inactive enrollment list for each party. The Inactive list consists of persons who failed to respond to the Confirmation of Voting Residence (ED-642). We remind you that under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-35, Confirmation of Voting Residence Notices may not be sent out between May 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027, except that under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-23g(c), if a Notice of Acceptance of a mail-in application card is returned undelivered, a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice is sent out throughout the year.

We strongly recommend that before the endorsement period, you prepare and print an Active and Inactive enrollment list for each party, and certify and file one with the town clerk. If municipal offices are endorsed by caucus, we also strongly recommend that in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-42 and Conn. State Agencies Regs. §9-42-1, a registrar, deputy registrar, or assistant registrar of voters attends each caucus with an Active and Inactive enrollment list and voter registration applications for the purpose of restoring people from the Inactive to the Active enrollment list before they vote in the caucus. After the caucuses, if any, the registrar, deputy, or assistant registrar of voters should file in your office all restorations signed by the enrolled electors and the registrar, deputy, or assistant registrar. (Only one official is required to restore, except on election day when both registrars must consent.) We remind you, however, that under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§9-56 and 9-57, people who file an application for enrollment on the day of a caucus do not acquire enrollment privileges until after the caucus.

The number of signatures required on a primary petition is specified on the instruction sheet for each petition. When checking signatures on primary petitions, the signatures of all people who have enrollment privileges in the party at the time when the petition pages are reviewed must be counted. Under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-35c, if an elector on the Inactive enrollment list signs a petition and gives the same address as appears on the Inactive list, you must forthwith place their name on the Active list and count the signature (no restoration form is necessary in such case).

We are enclosing the following handouts, which provide helpful related information:

Remove from Inactive List
Petition Signatures on Inactive List

If you have any questions, please call us at (860) 509-6100.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: ED-619, ED-619a, 2 Handouts Information copies to:
Town Clerks