

**Office of the Secretary of the State**  
**State of Connecticut**  
**165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106**

May 21, 2026

To All Town Clerks:

Re: Two (2) Form Notices in Connection with the Selection of Candidates for  
"Municipal Offices" to be filled at the November 3, 2026, State Election

**Notices**

We are enclosing two forms of notice in connection with the nomination of major party candidates for "municipal office" under the state primary law.

These forms are being provided to you in connection with the nominations for the municipal offices of State Representative in an assembly district composed of a single town or a multi-town; Registrar of Voters; and other town offices, for those few towns which elect some town officials at a state election under a special act. (The enclosed notices 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.)

1. The first form enclosed is Form ED-619b, entitled "Party Endorsed Candidates for Municipal Offices", which the Town Clerk is required to publish under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-395. The Secretary of the State is required to prescribe the form of such notice, and the enclosed is our prescribed form.

The law requires the Town Clerk to publish this notice not later than the seventy-sixth (76<sup>th</sup>) day preceding the day of the primary, May 27th. Under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-391, subsection (a), party endorsements for all municipal offices must be made between May 19th and May 26th of this year. Such endorsements for the municipal offices or city offices elected by special act must be **certified to the town clerk no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the close of the town committee meeting, caucus, or convention** which made the endorsement. However, endorsements for the **municipal office of State Representative and Registrar of Voters** will now be certified to the **Office of the Secretary of the State not later than 4:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the close of the town committee meeting, caucus, or convention** that made the endorsement. Therefore, the deadline for a party's certification of its endorsement of a state representative from a single-town district will be between **June 2nd and June 9th**, depending on which day the endorsement was made during the period between May 19th and May 26th. Our office will notify each municipal clerk of any party endorsements filed for the office of single town state representative and registrar of voters as soon as possible after such notices have been filed with us.

Certification of endorsements for the municipal office of **State Representative** will be on a form prepared by this office and provided to the state central committees of the two major parties. The certification of endorsements for the **other** municipal offices should be on a form provided by our office (but may not be). The certification will be signed by the endorsed candidate, and it will indicate how their name will appear on the ballot. Finally, the certification must be certified by the chairman, presiding officer, or the secretary of the endorsing body.

2. A Notice for "Failure to Receive Certification of Party-Endorsed Candidates for Municipal Offices" is no longer required to be published by state statute.

In order to reduce the likelihood of inadvertent failure-to-endorse, you may wish to remind the party officials in your town of (a) the certification deadlines outlined above, and (b) the fact that all municipal endorsements must be made between May 19th and May 26th, inclusive - i.e., if an endorsement for a particular office is not made at that time, this does **not** produce a "vacancy" which may be filled by a later endorsement under party rules. (The only vacancies in endorsement, which may be so filled, are those resulting from the withdrawal or death of a candidate originally endorsed at the proper time.) Moreover, the failure to file a timely certification nullifies an otherwise timely endorsement.

You may also wish to remind the party officials in your town that if the caucus is the endorsing authority for municipal office, Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-390 requires the town chairman or their designee to give newspaper notice of the date, time, location, and purpose of the caucus at least five days before the caucus, unless party rules require earlier notice.

3. The second form enclosed is Form ED-619e, entitled "Notice of Primary." The Town Clerk must publish this notice under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-435 when a primary for a municipal office is to be held. Although we are not required to prescribe this form, we have prepared this suggested form for your convenience. This form also incorporates the notice that the Registrar of Voters must give to you under the same statute; therefore, a copy of this notice is being included with the informational copy of this letter being sent to all Registrars of voters.

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

Sincerely,

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Secretary of the State

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Enclosures: ED-619b, ED-619e