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MERRILL: POLLS WILL BE OPEN 6:00 A.M. MONDAY FOR MAY 6TH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS REGISTERED VOTERS IN 13 CONNECTICUT COMMUNITIES TO CAST BALLOTS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today reminded voters in the 13 Connecticut Communities that polls will be open Monday May 6, 2013 at 6:00 a.m. for Municipal elections for Mayor, First Selectman, Board of Finance and other offices. Polls will open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for Municipal elections on Monday May 6th in the following communities: The towns of Andover, Bethany, Union and Woodbridge, and the Boroughs of Litchfield, Newtown, Stonington, Bantam(Litchfield), Danielson(Killingly), Fenwick (Old Saybrook), Jewett City (Griswold), Woodmont (Milford) and the City of Groton. The majority of Connecticut's municipalities will hold primaries if necessary on September 10, 2013 and a General Election for municipal candidates on November 5, 2013.

"Municipal elections are already here in 2013 for these 13 communities," said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut's chief elections officer. "Crucial decisions on local town budgets, schools, and planning are being made, so I urge registered voters in these communities to cast ballots on Monday. Voters can not only call us but contact us through email either from home or by a mobile device should any problems arise at the polls. We will respond to any situation as quickly as possible."

Secretary Merrill is reminding voters in the May Municipal election communities that anyone encountering problems at the polls can contact either the Secretary of the State's office at 860-509-6100 or the State Elections Enforcement Commission at 860-256-2940, or by sending an email to **elections@ct.gov**. Both phone lines and the email alert will be checked throughout the day by staff from both agencies. Voters who do call with questions or concerns can either state their name or report issues anonymously; but are asked to state the town and polling place where they are observing the problems, and provide as many specifics or details as they can. This would greatly

assist SEEC or Secretary of the State's staff to address the issue and find a solution as expeditiously as possible. Voters should check with their local registrar of voters to see if they are registered to vote and where their polling place is located.