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SECRETARY OF THE STATE'S OFFICE DRAWS PRECINCTS TO HAVE STATEWIDE PRIMARY RESULTS AUDITED

73 OF 722 VOTING PRECINCTS FROM AUGUST 10TH PRIMARY WILL HAVE BALLOTS
HAND COUNTED AND MATCHED AGAINST MACHINE TOTALS TO ENSURE INTEGRITY
OF VOTING

Hartford: Officials from the Secretary of the State's office joined voting rights advocates representing CT Voters Count and the League of Women Voters from across Connecticut at a public audit drawing at the Secretary of the State's Office in Hartford on Wednesday August 18th to randomly select the voting precincts which will have election results audited following the August 10, 2010 statewide primaries.

As required by Public Act 07-194, An Act Concerning the Integrity and Security of the Voting Process, ten percent of the polling precincts used in the election are subject to an audit. All told, 722 polling precincts were used on August 10th meaning that 73 precincts will have their election results audited. There were also 10 alternate precincts selected for the post-election audit. The audits can begin no sooner than the close of business August 25, 2010 and must be completed by September 15, 2010. A complete list of precincts to be audited is attached.

The law requires a hand audit 10% of all polling places in all elections and primaries. (Polling precincts which are already part of a recount are exempt from audits by statute). The provisions in the law, developed in close cooperation with the computer science department at the University of Connecticut, give Connecticut one of the strictest audit statutes in the country. Connecticut is the first state in New England to require a comprehensive audit of election results.

Public Act 07-194 states that local Registrars of Voters, "... shall conduct a manual audit of the votes recorded in not less than ten per cent of the voting districts in the state, district or municipality, whichever is applicable. Such manual audit shall be noticed in advance and be open to public observation." The results of audits will be analyzed by the University of Connecticut and then presented to the Secretary of the State's Office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, and ultimately made available to the public.

The law contains a detailed description of the audit process:

“The manual audit... shall consist of the manual tabulation of the paper ballots cast and counted by each voting machine subject to such audit. Once complete, the vote totals established pursuant to the manual tabulation shall be compared to the results reported by the voting machine on the day of the election or primary. The results of the manual tabulation shall be reported on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the State which shall include the total number of ballots counted, the total votes received by each candidate in question, the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were properly completed by each voter and the total votes received by each candidate in question on ballots that were not properly completed by each voter. Such report shall be filed with the Secretary of the State who shall immediately forward such report to The University of Connecticut for analysis. The University of Connecticut shall file a written report with the Secretary of the State regarding such analysis that describes any discrepancies identified. After receipt of such report, the Secretary of the State shall file such report with the State Elections Enforcement Commission.”

Town	Precinct
Ansonia	Fountain Hose Ward 5
Bloomfield	Metacomet School
Bridgeport	City Hall 131-1
Bridgeport	Hallen School 135-3
Bristol	Chpns Hill School District 2
Bristol	Stafford School 77 District 3
Brookfield	Brookfield High School
Canterbury	Canterbury Town Hall
Canton	Canton Town Hall
Cornwall	Town Hall
Derby	Bradley Elementary School Ward 3 District 114
Durham	Korn School 2
East Hartford	Mayberry School
East Hartford	Saint Christopher Church Hall
Easton	Samuel Staples School
East Haven	East Farm Village 1-S
East Haven	Overbrook School 4
Enfield	Prudence Crandall School- District IV
Fairfield	Fairfield Senior Canter District 1
Fairfield	-McKinley School 133 District 5
Fairfield	Dwight School District 3
Glastonbury	District 1- Smith Middle School
Greenwich	Riverside School District 5
Hamden	Keefe Community Center District 3
Hartford	Batchelder School
Hartford	Burns School
Hartford	United Methodist Church
Harwinton	Town Hall Assembly Room
Litchfield	Northfield Fire House 4
Mansfield	Mansfield Library/ Buchanan Auditorium

Manchester	Martin School
Meriden	Hanover School Area 4
Middlebury	Shepardson Community Center 01
Milford	Harborside Middle School District 5
New Britain	Graham Apartments District 5-2
New Britain	Welte Hall District 9
New Haven	East Rock School- Courtyard Ward 9
New Haven	Firehouse Ellsworth Ward 24
New Haven	Benjamin Jepson Magnet School Ward 13
New Haven	Firehouse Howard Ward 5
New Haven	West Hills/ Micro Society School
Norwalk	Columbus School- voting District 131
Norwalk	Marvin School- Voting District C1
Plymouth	Terryville Congregational Church
Southbury	Canter Fire House District #1
Southbury	The Jewish Center District 4
Southington	William Strong Elementary School
Southington	South End Elementary School
Stonington	Deans Mill School
Stonington	BF Hoxie Engine Company
Stonington	Stonington Fire House
Tolland	Senior Center
Wallingford	Evarts G. Stevens School
Wallingford	Pond Hill School
Warren	Town Hall
Waterbury	Hamilton Park Pavilion
Waterford	Town Hall District 1
West Hartford	St. Mary Home 1-2
West Hartford	Braeburn School 10-1
West Hartford	West Hartford Town Hall 5-2
West Hartford	Wolcott School 6-1
West Hartford	Sedgwick Middle School 9-2
West Haven	St Louis Church Hall
West Haven	Mackville School Voting District 8
West Haven	Pagels School Voting District 10
Westport	Saugtuck Elementary School District 9
Wethersfield	Highcrest School
Wethersfield	Keeney Cultural Center
Wethersfield	Wethersfield Ambulance Facility
Windham	Bpo Elks 131 1
Windsor	Windsor Town Hall
Windsor	John F. Kennedy School
Windsor Locks	Mario Gatti Town Hall

Alternates:

Town	Precinct
Colchester	Colchester Town Hall

Enfield	Enfield Street School- District 11
Naugatuck	City Hill Middle School
New Fairfield	New Fairfield Middle School
North Haven	Montowese Elementary School
Norwalk	Wolfpit School Voting District 143B
Suffield	Suffield Middle School
Torrington	Vogel-Wetmore School
Waterbury	Regan School
Willington	The Town Office Building