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## **BY SIEWICZ DRAWS PRECINCTS TO HAVE MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS AUDITED**

60 OF 597 VOTING PRECINCTS WILL HAVE BALLOTS HAND COUNTED AND MATCHED  
AGAINST MACHINE TOTALS TO ENSURE INTEGRITY OF VOTING

**Hartford:** Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz joined Connecticut voting rights advocates at a news conference at the State Capitol today to randomly select the voting precincts that will have election results audited following the Municipal Elections that took place November 3, 2009. Secretary Bysiewicz also reported today that a recount in Avon has resulted in a tie vote for Town Council between Democrat David Pena and Republican William R. Hopper II. The tie vote will be resolved by an adjourned election to take place in Avon on Tuesday November 24, 2009. Only candidates Pena and Hopper will be on the ballot for the tie-breaking vote.

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, 597 polling precincts were used on Election Day November 3<sup>rd</sup> meaning that 60 precincts will have their election results audited. There were also 8 alternate precincts selected for the post-election audit.



“We had a very smooth Municipal Election Day last Tuesday, but as I have said many times, we in Connecticut don’t just take the machines’ word for it -- we audit the results of every election,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “We want to make sure that as voters come to the polls and cast ballots in Connecticut they have continued confidence that their votes were recorded accurately. That is why the independent audits are so vital.”

The audits can begin no sooner than the close of business November 18, 2009 and must be completed by December 1, 2009. A complete list of precincts to be audited is attached.

“Auditing election results isn’t just a good idea, it’s absolutely essential in order to guarantee the integrity of our elections,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “So we will have every ballot cast in a full 10% of all our precincts hand counted and matched against the machine totals. Connecticut has the toughest elections audit law in the country and I am confident at the end of this year’s audit the numbers will match.”

In total, audits will be conducted in 60 precincts. 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, therefore precincts in the 35 municipalities to conduct post-election recounts were exempted from today’s audit drawing). 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.”

**MUNICIPALITY**

Bridgeport  
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Colchester

**POLLING PLACE**

Park City Magnet School 135-1  
Wilbur Cross School 135-2  
Black Rock School 130-1  
Hallen School 135-2  
Abundant Life of the Assemblies of God

Colchester	Colchester Town Hall
Colebrook	Colebrook Town Hall
Danbury	Mill Ridge Intermediate School Ward 7
Darien	District 4/Hindley School
Darien	District 2- Town Hall
East Lyme	East Lyme Community Center District 3
Griswold	Pachaug Town Hall
Hamden	Miller Library District 1
Lyme	Lyme Fire House
Manchester	Waddell School
Meriden	Isreal Putnam School Area 3
Middletown	Wesley School District
Middletown	Macdonough School District 1
Monroe	Masuk High School
New Fairfield	Meeting House Hill School
New Haven	Beecher School Ward 29
New Haven	Benjamin Jepson Magnet School Ward 13
New London	Nathan Hale School District 3
Newington	John Paterson School District 6
Norfolk	Town Hall
Norwich	Rose City Senior Center
Plainfield	4 Atwood Hose Station
Portland	Portland Public Library
Preston	Town Hall
Prospect	Algonquin School
Redding	Redding Community Center
Shelton	Sunnyside School Ward 2
Sherman	The Sherman School
Southbury	Southbury Public Library District #5
Southington	Flanders Elementary School
Stafford	Old Town Hall
Stamford	Davenport Ridge School
Stamford	St. Clements Church Hall
Stratford	Wilcoxin School 7
Stratford	Second Hill Lane 10
Tolland	Tolland Senior Center
Torrington	Torrington School 2
Trumbull	Jane Ryan School District 4
Vernon	Rockville High School
Vernon	Vernon Center Middle School
Wallingford	Moses Y. Beach School
Wallingford	Dag Hammarskjold Middle School
Wallingford	Cook Hill School
Washington	Town Hall
Waterbury	Chase School
Waterbury	Maloney School
Watertown	Swift Middle School
West Hartford	Solomon Schetchter School 10-2
West Hartford	Charter Oak School 4-2
West Haven	City Hall Voting District 4
West Haven	Pagels Voting District 10
Westport	Long Lots Elementary School Gym District 7
Wilton	Wilton High School District 1
Windham	BPO Elks 1311
Windsor	Poquonock School

**ALTERNATE SITES**

Waterbury  
Ledyard  
Ansonia  
West Hartford  
Middletown  
Stafford  
Burlington  
New Canaan

**(in order of picking)**

Mount Olive A M E Zion Church  
Juliet Long Elementary School  
Holy Rosary Church Ward 3  
West Hartford Town Hall 5-2  
South District Firehouse District 10  
Stafford Senior Center  
Burlington Town Hall  
Saxe Middle School District 3