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BY SIEWICZ: RESULTS OF 2008 POST ELECTION AUDIT SHOW ACCURATE ELECTION DAY MACHINE COUNTS

HAND COUNT OF MACHINE TOTALS FOR THE BUSIEST ELECTION DAY IN
CONNECTICUT HISTORY COMPLETE – NUMBERS TO BE ANALYZED BY
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT VOTING TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH CENTER

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz announced today that post election audits conducted in 10% of all voting precincts in Connecticut have shown extremely accurate machine counts on Election Day November 4, 2008. An initial review of the audit results has been completed by the Office of the Secretary of State, and the results will now undergo a complete, independent analysis by the University of Connecticut's Voting Technology Research Center under the direction of Dr. Alexander Shvartsman.

“We set a record in Connecticut on November 4th with 1.64 million people casting ballots and Election Day went remarkably smoothly,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “The results of this audit indicate, once again, that the optical scan voting system is secure and extremely accurate. Connecticut voters can be confident in the integrity of our elections and that their votes were counted correctly. Still, I’m not asking anyone to simply take my word for it: that’s why these post-election procedures are so important. We want to shine the light on the electoral process, before and after all votes are cast. So far, Connecticut’s new voting machines have passed the test every step of the way.”

As part of Connecticut’s audit law, believed to be the toughest in the United States, Secretary Bysiewicz randomly selected 84 polling precincts. Under state law, 10% of all

precincts (833 used on November 4, 2008) used in the election are subject to an audit. Such audits consist of hand counts of all paper ballots for selected races and then a comparison of those results with the tally from the optical scan machines. Audits are conducted in public with representatives from all parties invited. As a part of this audit, the results of the races for President, Congress, State Senate, State Representative and Registrar of Voters (where applicable) were recounted by hand. Results will be analyzed by UCONN, made available to the public, and sent to the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

While the audits did uncover accurate machine counts on Election Day, there were discrepancies in isolated cases involving the hand-count audits for some ballots marked with votes for major party candidates who were cross endorsed by minor parties.

In addition to the hand count audits, memory cards used by optical scan machines from all 84 precincts to undergo an audit will be sent to UCONN and tested under the supervision of professor Shvartsman. Up to 25% of all memory cards to record votes in Connecticut on Election Day November 4th may be tested by researchers at UCONN for testing, with the results expected in early 2009.

Audits were conducted for the following towns and polling locations:

Precinct Name	Town
Prendergast School Ward 6	Ansonia
Barkhamsted Elementary School	Barkhamsted
Senior Center	Berlin
J.P. Vincent School	Bloomfield
Fields Memorial School	Bozrah
Community House - Voting District 1, Precinct 0	Branford
Indian Neck School - Voting District 5, Precinct 0	Branford
Hallen School 126-3	Bridgeport
Park City Magnet School 126-5	Bridgeport
Luis Munoz Marin School 128-1	Bridgeport
Highland School - Dist. 6-2	Cheshire
Broadview Middle School - Ward 3	Danbury
District 6 Tokeneke School	Darien
Silver Lane School	East Hartford
Momauguin School 2	East Haven
Hays School 5	East Haven
Fairfield Ludlowe High School Dist. 9	Fairfield
Irving Robbins Middle School - Dist 1, Precinct 12	Farmington
Franklin Town Hall	Franklin
Greenwich Town Hall Dist. 2	Greenwich
Riverside School Dist. 5	Greenwich

Spring Glen School	Hamden
Shepherd Glen School	Hamden
Batchelder School District 11	Hartford
Hartford Public Library (Central Library)	Hartford
Town Hall Assembly Room	Harwinton
Killingly Public Library 2 Dist. 1	Killingly
Litchfield Fire House	Litchfield
Northfield Fire House 2	Litchfield
Lyme Fire House	Lyme
Martin School	Manchester
Waddell School	Manchester
Eagleville Fire Department	Mansfield
Elmer Thienes Elementary School	Marlborough
Community Towers Area 1	Meriden
Macdonough School-District 1	Middletown
Moody School Gym-District 5	Middletown
Snow School-Gym-District 7	Middletown
Wesley School-District 9	Middletown
Joseph A Foran High School District 4	Milford
Western School - A	Naugatuck
Gaffney School District 4	New Britain
School Apartments District 5-2	New Britain
Generale Ameglio Society District 7	New Britain
New Canaan High School Gym South Dist. 1	New Canaan
Main Library Ward 1-02	New Haven
Dwight School Ward 2	New Haven
Roberto Clemente School Ward 4	New Haven
Micro Society-Museum Lab School 02 Ward 6	New Haven
Wilbur Cross High School Ward 10	New Haven
Celentano Museum Academy Ward 19	New Haven
Edith Johnson - District 10-94 Ward 22	New Haven
Jerome Harrison Elementary School	North Branford
New Town Hall	North Stonington
Nathan Hale (Naramake School) - Voting District 137D	Norwalk
Norwich Ice Rink	Norwich
Mary L Tracy School	Orange
Our Lady Of Mercy Parish Hall	Plainville
Plymouth Town Hall	Plymouth
Town Hall	Preston

Redding Community Center	Redding
Griswold Middle School	Rocky Hill
Shelton Intermediate School	Shelton
Elizabeth Shelton School	Shelton
Rogers School	Stamford
Stamford High School (Rear)	Stamford
Stillmeadow School	Stamford
Turn Of River School	Stamford
Bunnell High School 122	Stratford
Second Hill Lane 10	Stratford
Franklin School 4 121 23	Stratford
Suffield Middle School	Suffield
Hillcrest School Dist. 1	Trumbull
Town Hall	Voluntown
Silas Bronson Library	Waterbury
Waterville Recreation Center	Waterbury
Willow Plaza Center	Waterbury
Wolcott School 6-1	West Hartford
Ann V. Molloy School Voting District 7	West Haven
Mackrille School Voting District 8	West Haven
Saugatuck Elementary School 136-1	Westport
Wethersfield Ambulance Facility	Wethersfield
Natchaug School	Windham
John F Kennedy School	Windsor