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MERRILL: FINAL DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR AUGUST 14TH PRIMARIES MONDAY AT 12:00 P.M.

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REPORTS MORE THAN 57,000 NEW VOTERS
REGISTERED SO FAR THIS YEAR; UNAFFILIATED VOTERS MUST ENROLL WITH
A MAJOR PARTY TO VOTE ON TUESDAY

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill is today reminding registered Democrats and Republicans that polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for municipal primaries on Tuesday August 14, 2012. Voters have until 12:00 p.m. on Monday August 13th to register in-person as Democrats or Republicans at their local Registrar of Voters office, becoming eligible to cast a ballot in the primaries the following day. Unaffiliated voters have until that same deadline to enroll in a major party if they want to vote in the primary in their community. Statewide, Republicans in Connecticut are eligible to cast ballots in a total of at least five primaries, depending on their geographic location. Democratic voters statewide can vote in a total of at least 18 primaries, depending on their community of residence.

“This year, some of the most closely watched primary contests in the country are happening right here in Connecticut,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief elections official. “I encourage all registered voters to come out to the polls on Tuesday and take part in deciding which names appear on the ballot this November. All eligible, Connecticut citizens need to register in-person at town offices by Monday at noon in order to have a say in who will be on the ballot this November. Unaffiliated voters can also enroll by Monday at noon, and 17 year-olds are also allowed to vote in this primary if they will turn 18 on or before November 6th. We have crucial issues such as the economy and our state budget at stake, so next Tuesday is a great opportunity to make your voice heard.”

Secretary Merrill is also reporting that since January 1, 2012, some 57,474 new voters have registered to vote, bringing the total number of active registered voters in Connecticut to 1,968,790. This figure includes 723,035 Democrats, 412,509 Republicans

and 818,703 unaffiliated voters. Among new voters, some 18,659 have registered as Democrats, while 11,553 have registered as Republicans. A total of 26,004 new voters have registered as unaffiliated voters. A complete breakdown of current voter registration numbers follows at the bottom of this news release.

Polls will open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for at least 23 primaries on August 14th. Absentee ballots are now available and in order to be counted for the municipal primary, they must be received by Town Clerks' offices no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday August 14, 2012. Voters can go to the Secretary of the State's website www.sots.ct.gov to see if they are registered to vote and where their polling place is located. Primaries taking place in the following communities were reported to the Secretary of the State's office (* denotes endorsed candidate):

<u>Office</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
United States Senator	Republican	*Linda E. McMahon Christopher Shays
United States Senator	Democratic	*Christopher S. Murphy Susan Bysiewicz
Representative in Congress – 2	Republican	*Paul M. Formica Daria Novak
Representative in Congress – 5	Republican	*Andrew Roraback Justin Bernier Lisa Wilson Foley Mark Greenberg
Representative in Congress – 5	Democratic	*Chris Donovan Elizabeth Esty Dan Roberti
State Senate – 19	Democratic	*Tom Reynolds Catherine A. Osten
State Senate – 23	Democratic	*Ernest E. Newton II Andres Ayala, Jr. Edwin A. Gomes
State Senate – 33	Democratic	*James Crawford Mary Ellen Klinck
Assembly District – 3	Democratic	*Minnie Gonzalez Victor M. Luna, Jr.
Assembly District – 5	Democratic	*Leo Canty Brandon McGee Donald Trinks
Assembly District – 6	Democratic	*Edwin Vargas, Jr. Hector Luis Robles
Assembly District – 13	Democratic	*Joe Diminico Tom Gullotta

<u>Office</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Assembly District – 58	Democratic	*Kathy Tallarita David Alexander
Assembly District – 63	Democratic	*Michael J. Renzullo Doug Bendetto
Assembly District – 75	Democratic	*Victor Cuevas David Aldarondo
Assembly District – 91	Democratic	*John P. Flanagan Michael C. D’Agostino
Assembly District – 107	Republican	*Harold A. Shaker David A. Scribner
Assembly District – 116	Democratic	*Louis P. Esposito, Jr. David C. Forsyth
Assembly District - 128	Democratic	*Christina M. Ayala Angel Reyes
Assembly District – 132	Democratic	*Sue Brand Kevin Coyner
Hamden – Bethany Probate District	Democratic	*Craig B. Henrici Edward C. Burt, Jr.
Registrar of Voters - Hartford	Republican	*Salvatore A. Bramante Nyesha C. McCauley
Registrar of Voters – Hartford	Democratic	*Ramon L. Arroyo Olga Iris Vazquez

ACTIVE VOTERS IN CONNECTICUT AS OF 8/8/12

PARTY	COUNT
A Better Future	6
A Connecticut Party	4
A Sentinel Party	26
Canterbury First	2
Chatham Party	8
Concerned Citizens	185
Connecticut For Lieberman	79
Democratic	723,035
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	14
Green	1,672
Guilty	1
Independence	788
Independence For Montville	7

Independent	10,129
Independent Party of Darien	1
Libertarian	1,270
Milford Independent Party	3
Norwich for Change	1
Pro-Bethel	2
Realistic Balance	3
Reform	83
Republican	412,509
Swing	2
The Hampton Party	1
Unaffiliated	818,703
We The People	47
Winsted Independent	36
Working Families	171
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TOTAL	1,968,790

NEW VOTERS SINCE 1/1/12

PARTY	COUNT

Connecticut For Lieberman	3
Democratic	18,659
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	46
Independence	23
Independent	1,078
Independent Party of Darien	1
Libertarian	83
Reform	3
Republican	11,553
Swing	1
Unaffiliated	26,004
We The People	4
Winsted Independent	1
Working Families	14
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TOTAL	57,474

REGISTERED VOTERS BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

CD	PARTY	COUNT

CD1	A Connecticut Party	1
	Concerned Citizens	16
	Connecticut For Lieberman	33
	Democratic	168,362
	Friends Of Saybrook	1

Green	257
Independence	52
Independent	1,752
Libertarian	219
Reform	6
Republican	69,235
Unaffiliated	148,248
Winsted Independent	36
CD1 Working Families	59

CD1 TOTAL	388,277

CD2 A Connecticut Party	1
A Sentinel Party	26
Canterbury First	2
Chatham Party	8
Concerned Citizens	7
Connecticut For Lieberman	15
Democratic	127,418
Enfield Taxpayers Party	2
Friends Of Saybrook	1
Green	465
Independence	267
Independence For Montville	7
CD2 Independent	2,292
Libertarian	324
Norwich for Change	1
Reform	17
Republican	87,835
The Hampton Party	1
Unaffiliated	185,933
Working Families	33

CD2 TOTAL	404,655

CD3 A Better Future	6
A Connecticut Party	1
Concerned Citizens	19
Connecticut For Lieberman	16
Democratic	161,467
CD3 Friends Of Saybrook	7
Green	386
Guilty	1
Independence	174
Independent	1,084
Libertarian	182
Milford Independent Party	3
Realistic Balance	3
Reform	30
Republican	62,125

Unaffiliated	164,873
Working Families	24

CD3 TOTAL 390,401

CD4 A Connecticut Party	1
CD4 Concerned Citizens	5
Connecticut For Lieberman	4
Democratic	137,281
Friends Of Saybrook	2
Green	237
Independence	174
Independent	2,127
Independent Party of Darien	1
Libertarian	287
Reform	24
Republican	99,730
Unaffiliated	147,385
Working Families	17

CD4 TOTAL 387,275

CD5 Concerned Citizens	138
Connecticut For Lieberman	11
Democratic	128,507
Friends Of Saybrook	3
Green	327
Independence	121
Independent	2,874
Libertarian	258
Pro-Bethel	2
Reform	7
Republican	93,587
Swing	2
Unaffiliated	172,265
We The People	47
Working Families	38

CD5 TOTAL 398,187