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**SECRETARY MERRILL RELEASES LIST OF
REGISTERED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR
NOVEMBER 3RD MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

SECRETARY OF THE STATE REMINDS ELIGIBLE VOTERS THAT FINAL VOTER
REGISTRATION DEADLINE BEFORE ELECTION DAY IS JUST FOUR DAYS AWAY

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill today released the complete list of registered write-in candidates for various seats on Connecticut ballots for the November 3, 2015 municipal election (a complete list follows at the bottom of this news release). Write-in candidates must register with the Secretary of the State if they want to receive votes in the November 3rd municipal election, and the deadline to register was Tuesday October 20th. Write-in candidates do not appear on the ballot but voting machines are programmed to flag ballots marked with votes for write-ins that are later counted by hand, as long as the write-in candidates are registered with the Secretary of the State. Secretary Merrill is also reminding all eligible voters in Connecticut that the final deadline to register to vote by mail or in-person at town or city offices prior to Election Day is Tuesday October 27th.

“Barring any last-minute withdrawals, our list of candidates for the November 3rd municipal elections is now set,” said Secretary Merrill, Connecticut’s chief election official. “I want to make sure voters are informed about every candidate eligible to receive votes on Election Day, whether their names appear on the ballot or not. I want to remind every eligible voter in Connecticut that the final day to register before the election is next Tuesday October 27th. Municipal elections have great impact on your community so don’t sit this one out – we want to hear from every eligible voter on Election Day November 3rd.”

The following is a complete list of registered write-in candidates for municipal office in Connecticut in 2015:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Candidate</u>
Beacon Falls	Selectman	Joseph Dowdell
Bloomfield	Town Council (2-year term)	Kevin J. Connelly
Bridgeport	Mayor	Steve Miller
Bristol	Mayor	Robert Michalski
Brooklyn	First Selectman	Aaron James "AJ" Puzzo Kerouac
Chaplin	Board of Education	Amy Quimette
Chaplin	Board of Education-TFV	Brad Caron
Chaplin	Board of Finance Alt.	William Jenkins
Chaplin	Library Board of Trustees	William Jenkins
East Haddam	First Selectman	Todd H. Gelston
Easton	Board of Assessment Appeals	A. Reynolds Gordon
East Windsor	First Selectman	James C. Richards
East Windsor	Board of Education	Christopher D. Mickey
Enfield	Councillor at large	Charles E. Woods
Hamden	Councilman District 3	Peter Rumbin
Hartford	Mayor	W. Michael Downes
Hartford	Court of Common Council	Sharon Francis
Kent	Board of Finance	John Mauer
Meriden	Councilman at large	A.J. Petrucelli
Middletown	Mayor	Brian E. Clark
Middletown	Common Council	Hope E. Kasper
New Haven	Mayor	Roger Uihlein
New Milford	Mayor	Chief Iron Wolf
North Stonington	Board of Education	Walter Mathwick

Municipality	Office	Candidate
Old Saybrook	Board of Assessment Appeals	Michael T. O’Herlihy
Pomfret	Board of Education	Sergio Rodriguez
Salisbury	Board of Education	Natalia V. Smirnova
Salisbury	Board of Education	David Valcin
Salisbury	Board of Education	Jeffery Lloyd
Salisbury	Planning Zoning Commission	Jonathan Higgins
Shelton	Mayor	Timothy Bristol, Jr.
Somers	Board of Education	Deanise Sheworks
Stratford	Council District 3	Daniel S. Cook
Waterford	First Selectman	Kevin M. Ziolkovski
	Board of Finance	Kevin M. Ziolkovski
	Board of Education	Kevin M. Ziolkovski
	Zoning Board of Appeals	Kevin M. Ziolkovski
	Zoning Board of Appeals-TFV	Kevin M. Ziolkovski
	Zoning Board of Appeals-Alt	Kevin M. Ziolkovski
	Board of Assessment Appeals	Kevin M. Ziolkovski
	Representative Town Meeting dist. 2	Kevin M. Ziolkovski
Windham	Board of Assessment Appeals	David M. Gardner

On Election Day November 3, 2015 polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in most towns and cities in Connecticut. Voters can check their registration status online, find where their polling place is located, view the ballot from their city or town, and download voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications by visiting www.myvote.ct.gov