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BYSIEWICZ SWEARS IN FIRST-EVER THIRD PARTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ELECTED IN CONNECTICUT

SECRETARY OF THE STATE SWEARS IN WORKING FAMILIES PARTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS IN HARTFORD; CAPITOL CITY HAS 3 REGISTRARS FOR FIRST TIME

HARTFORD: On a day when Registrars of Voters elected in November started new terms in office throughout the state, Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today made history by swearing into office the first-ever third party Registrar of Voters ever elected in Connecticut. Secretary Bysiewicz administered the oath of office to Urania Petit, who was elected Registrar of Voters in Hartford as a candidate of the Working Families Party. Bysiewicz also swore into office Republican Registrar Salvatore Bramante and Democratic Registrar Olga Vazquez, meaning the city of Hartford now has three Registrars of Voters.

“This is a truly historic and great day for the voters of Hartford,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “It has always been my goal to increase voter registration and participation, especially in our large and vibrant urban areas. With three Registrars working together, the voters of Hartford will surely benefit and find more opportunities to participate in the democratic process.”

Under state law, minor-party candidates for Registrar of Voters can take office if they receive either the most votes in a municipality, or the second most votes. On November 4, 2008 Working Families Party candidate Urania Petit won 2,541 votes, which was the 2nd highest number of votes for Registrar in Hartford behind Democrat Olga Velasquez who won 21,272 votes.