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SECRETARY OF THE STATE KICKS OFF VOTER REGISTRATION DAY IN HARTFORD

GOAL IS CITYWIDE PARTICIPATION IN NOVEMBER 3RD SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTIONS

Hartford: In an effort to generate increased participation in the upcoming Hartford elections on November 3, 2009, Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz joined the Hartford Votes/Hartford Vota coalition, a consortium of Hartford community groups, in announcing a Voter Registration Day that will take place **Wednesday, October 14, 2009**.

Hartford residents can register to vote at Public Library branches across the city. The Voter Registration Day kick-off took place at Hartford Public High School's Law and Government Academy, where Bysiewicz was joined by two high school students who are eager to register and vote on November 3rd.



"I hope that people throughout Hartford and our entire state will want to follow the example of the students here today and get registered to vote and participate in our municipal elections on November 3rd," Bysiewicz said.

During the Voter Registration Kickoff Secretary Bysiewicz registered 18 year-old Marisabel Santiago, a senior in Hartford Public High School's Law and Government Academy. The deadline to register to vote by mail for the 2009 Municipal elections is Tuesday October 20th. Connecticut voters have until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday October 27th to register in person at town or city offices.

“The goal of Voter Registration Day is to include as many people as possible in the 2009 city elections,” said Julio Concepcion, Vice President of the MetroHartford Alliance, one of the groups sponsoring the event.

Hartford Votes/Hartford Vota Coalition has come together with the common goal of increasing voter turnout in Hartford. The Coalition includes Hartford Public Library, Co-Opportunity, League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford, National Conference for Community and Justice, HART, Hartford Registrars of Voters Office, MetroHartford Alliance, CT Common Cause, Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work (UCONN), CT Center for a New Economy, Achieve Hartford!, A Better Way Foundation and Hartford 2000.

“The Hartford schools are starting to see important gains and, with the city elections focused on the Board of Education, there is no more critical time for our community to participate in the voting process to help sustain the momentum. Voter registration is the first step in the process,” said Marilyn Rossetti, Executive Director of Hartford Areas Rally Together (HART), another member of the coalition.

City Registrars will be ready to sign up voters at the following locations:

- Downtown Library, 500 Main St from 10:00-5:00 p.m.
- Albany Branch, 1250 Albany Ave from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Barbour Branch, 281 Barbour St from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Blue Hills Branch, 649 Blue Hills Ave from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Camp Field Branch, 30 Campfield St from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Dwight Branch, 7 New Park Ave from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Goodwin Branch, 460 New Britain Ave from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Mark Twain Branch, 256 Farmington Ave from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Park Branch, 744 Park St from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Ropkins Branch, 1750 Main St from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

For more information about the Hartford Votes/Hartford Vota Coalition, go to www.hartfordinfo.org/hartfordvotes