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ELECTIONS TO BREAK TIE VOTES TAKING
PLACE IN 4 COMMUNITIES NOVEMBER 24TH
RECOUNTS CONDUCTED FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 3RD
RESULT IN TIE VOTES IN AVON, HADDAM, RIDGEFIELD AND BARKHAMSTED**

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today announced that four towns in Connecticut will be holding adjourned elections on Tuesday November 24, 2009 to break tie votes for various offices. Recounts conducted following the Municipal Elections November 3, 2009 resulted in tie votes for municipal office in the towns of Avon, Barkhamsted, Haddam and Ridgefield. According to Connecticut General Statutes 9-332 polls will be open in the four communities holding the adjourned election from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and the only candidates on the ballot will be those who received an equal number of votes for the same office on Election Day.

“We had some hotly contested municipal elections in 2009 and some extremely close results,” said Secretary Bysiewicz, Connecticut’s top elections official. “These tie-breaker elections are living proof that every vote counts. The citizens of Connecticut should also be reassured that our dedicated poll workers, our optical scan voting technology and the automatic recount law all worked very well together to produce an accurate result on Election Day.”

In Avon, Democrat David Pena will face off against Republican William R. Hooper II for a seat on the Town Council after the two each received 2,455 votes on Election Day. In Barkhamsted, Republican Dawn M. Anstett and Democrat Dawn Gardner Bobinsky each received 410 votes for Board of Education and will face off in a tiebreaker November 24th. In Haddam, Republican Chester Harris and Democrat Sabrina Houlton each received 1076 votes for the Board of Education and will face each other in a tie breaker on November 24th. In Ridgefield, Democrat Irene Burgess and Republican Keith Miller face each other in a tie-breaker vote for Board of Education after each receiving 2,352 votes on Election Day.