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## **BYSIEWICZ: RECOUNTS TAKING PLACE IN 35 COMMUNITIES FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

CITIES AND TOWNS HAVE UNTIL TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> TO COMPLETE  
RECOUNTS; SECRETARY OF THE STATE STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING  
IN CLOSE ELECTIONS

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today announced that recounts will be conducted in at least 35 Connecticut communities following Municipal Elections that took place on Tuesday November 3, 2009. According to state law, automatic “close vote” recounts are triggered by election results where the margin for a particular seat is either within 0.5% of the total votes cast or within 20 votes. There are also discrepancy recounts that can be called for by election moderators if there is a discrepancy in the results. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 9-311 and 9-311a, recounts are to be conducted by election moderators and supervised by Registrars of Voters. The recounts for the 2009 Municipal Elections must be complete by Tuesday November 10, 2009.

“Many races in this year’s municipal elections were decided by just a handful of votes. These recounts serve as a good reminder why it is so important that everyone who is eligible to vote registers and makes their voice heard on Election Day by casting a ballot, since every vote truly does matter,” said Secretary Bysiewicz. “I am confident that town officials will successfully and accurately conduct these recounts and get the official results to my office by next Tuesday’s deadline. In addition to these recounts, there will be hand-counts of the ballots taking place in 10% of all voting precincts as part of the post-election audit process.”

Secretary Bysiewicz reported that recounts for various municipal offices will be conducted in the following communities: Chester, Chaplin, Farmington, Cromwell, New Hartford, Rocky Hill, Coventry, Mansfield, Wolcott, Barkhamsted, Groton, New Britain,

Greenwich, Ridgefield, Franklin, Branford, Oxford, Milford, Haddam, Suffield, Norwalk, Fairfield, Hampton, West Hartford, Beacon Falls, Harwinton, Plainville, Windsor Locks, Glastonbury, East Hampton, Ledyard, Hartford, Avon, Deep River, and Enfield.