April 15, 2014

TO ALL REGISTRARS OF VOTERS:

Re: Primary Petition Forms: Municipal Offices at Large;
Municipal Offices from Political Subdivisions

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-410, we are enclosing two Primary Petition Signature Pages and Instruction Pages that are prescribed for use in connection with candidacies for nomination to municipal offices. The form for "Municipal Offices at Large" is to be used for municipal offices for which all the electors of a particular municipality may vote. A list of these offices appears at the end of the applicable Instruction Page.

The form for "Municipal Offices from Political Subdivisions" is to be used for those offices for which the electors of only part of a particular municipality may vote, a list of which appears at the end of the Instruction Page.

We urge that you keep the enclosed forms for your file. They are the official forms prescribed under §9-410, and they should not be altered in any way when preparing and providing primary petition forms for municipal office. If such pages are duplicated, they should be copied front to back as they appear in this packet.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-409, petition forms shall be available from the registrar "beginning on the day following the making of the party's endorsement of a candidate or candidates for such office or position, or beginning on the day following the final day for the making of such endorsement under the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-391, whichever comes first." (May 20th through May 27th - endorsement dates; May 28th - day following final day for making of endorsements.)

Please note the requirement of §9-409 that a primary petition candidate for the municipal offices of State Representative (chosen from a district composed of a single town or part of a single town) must include on his statement of consent "his name as he authorizes it to appear on the ballot". (The enclosed primary petitions are not used for senatorial and assembly districts which cross town lines; for example, they are not used for a district composed of parts of two towns, those petition pages are available from the Secretary of the State.)

Please remember to complete the blank on each instruction page, relating to the number of signatures required, the due date of the primary petitions, and Part A of each primary petition signature page, prior to issuing the same. The deadline for the filing of primary petitions is 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2014. Please remember that all Registrars of Voters' offices must be open between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2014. (Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-405).

Section 9-412 provides that upon receipt of the petition pages, the registrar must give to the person who submitted them a signed receipt stating the number of pages and the date and time of filing. It also provides that after certifying on each page the number of signers who are enrolled electors, the registrar must file the pages with the town clerk, together with his certificate as to the whole number of names on the last-completed enrollment list of such party in such town or political subdivision, as the case may be.

ACTIVE AND INACTIVE ENROLLMENT LIST

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §§9-35, 9-54, 9-55, 9-64a, 9-64b and 9-396, there is an Active and Inactive enrollment list for each party. The Inactive list consists of persons who failed to respond to the Confirmation of Voting Residence (ED-642). We remind you that under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-35, Confirmation of Voting Residence Notices may not be sent out between May 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015, except that under Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-23g(c), if a Notice of Acceptance of a mail-in application card is returned undelivered, a Confirmation of Voting Residence Notice is sent out throughout the year.

We strongly recommend that before the May 20th--27th endorsement period, you prepare and <u>print an Active and Inactive enrollment list</u> for each party, certify and file one with the town clerk. If municipal offices are endorsed by caucus, we also strongly recommend that in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-42 and §9-42-l of Conn. State Regs., a registrar, deputy registrar or assistant <u>registrar of voters attend each caucus</u> with an Active and Inactive enrollment list and Applications for Voter Registration for the purpose of restoring persons from the Inactive to the Active enrollment list before they vote in the caucus. After the caucuses, if any, the registrar, deputy or assistant registrar of voters should file in your office all restorations signed by the enrolled electors and the registrar, deputy or assistant registrar. (Only one official is required to restore except on election day.) We remind you, however, that under Conn. Gen. Stat. §§9-56 and 9-57, persons who file an application for enrollment on the day of a caucus do not acquire enrollment privileges until after the caucus.

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §9-35c and §9-406 the number of signatures required on a primary petition is <u>5%</u> of the number of enrolled electors on the <u>Active enrollment list</u> last printed under §9-55, excluding the names of all individuals who have ceased to be electors. When checking signatures on primary petitions, however, the signatures of all persons who have enrollment privileges in the party shall be counted and, under §9-35c, if an elector on the Inactive enrollment list signs a petition giving the same address as appears on the Inactive list, forthwith place such name on the Active list and count the signature (no restoration form is necessary in such case).

We are enclosing the following Handouts which may contain some helpful information:

<div align="center">
Remove from Inactive List
Petition Signatures on Inactive List
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If you have any questions, please call us at (860) 509-6100.

Sincerely,

DENISE MERRILL
Secretary of the State

By_____
        Theodore E. Bromley
        Staff Attorney

Enclosures: ED-619, ED-619a, 2 Handouts
Information copies to:
  Town Clerks
  Republican and Democratic State Central Committees

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From the Office of the Secretary of the State
30 Trinity Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Remove from Inactive List to Off-List if:

l. Death (9-35)
2. Cancellation is received from new place where voter registered (9-35)
3. Voter writes "I moved out of town" (9-35)
4. DMV writes "he moved out of town" (send Notice of Removal with new card) (9-35)
5. Forfeited Rights (send 10-day notice certified mail) (9-45)
6. 4 years has elapsed (9-35)

Remove from Inactive List to Active List if:

l. Restoration is signed and filed by voter (9-42)
2. Voter re-registers in same town (even if different address, but must retain old active list for 4 years to restore if made mistake).
3. Voter signs petition giving same address (9-35c)
4. DMV writes "he moved within town" (no notice mailed) (NVRA Sec. 5(d))
5. Voter writes "I moved within town" (NVRA Sec. 8(f))

Leave on Inactive List unless Restoration form filed if:

l. Voter requests an Absentee Ballot (because voters think they have right to vote in former town by absentee ballot). (Inactive voters in the service can be restored as clerical error [9-40a, 9-42(a)]. Inactive voters out of the country can be directed an absentee ballot and notified by town clerk that unless restoration form [a signed Federal Postcard Application {FPCA}qualifies as a restoration form] is received by election day, ballot will not be counted [9-153d].)
2. Voter signs petition with different address and no birth date (If he signs a primary or nominating petition with different address and same birth date, count but don't restore to active list [9-35c, 9-412, 9-453k])
3. Voter shows up at caucus, primary or election (voter should be requested to fill out restoration form, indicating his latest address in town).

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE
30 Trinity Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Petition Signatures of Persons on Active and Inactive Lists

<u>Primary Petitions (contain line for birthdate)</u>

1. If on active list and different address and <u>same birthdate</u>; count and change address on enrollment list. (9-412, 9-35)

2. If on active list and different address and no birthdate, hunt up and try to count but don't change address on enrollment list without further reliable info.

3. If on inactive list and same address, restore and count. (9-35c)

4. If on inactive list and different address and <u>same birthdate</u>; count but don't restore to active list until voter signs restoration (under penalties of false statement) and don't change address on inactive list. (9-412)

5. If on inactive list and different address and no birthdate, can't count. (The most you could do is send a Restoration form with note "If you are the voter who lived at this old address, sign this restoration form so you will be on active list in future.")

<u>Nominating Petitions (contain line for birthdate)</u>

1. If on active list and different address and <u>same birthdate</u> on registration record; count and notify registrars to change address on registry list. (9-453k, 9-35)

2. If on active list and different address and no birthdate, hunt up and try to count but notify registrars to not change address on registry list without further reliable info.

3. If on inactive list and same address, count and notify registrar to restore to active. (9-35c)

4. If on inactive list and different address and <u>same birthdate</u> on registration record; count but notify registrars to not restore to active list until voter signs restoration (under penalties of false statement) and not change address on inactive list. (9-453k)

5. If on inactive list and different address and no birthdate, can't count. (The most you could do is notify registrars to send a Restoration form with note "If you are the voter who lived at this old address, sign this restoration form so you will be on active list in future.")