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## **BYSIEWICZ: NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR NOVEMBER MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS DUE AUGUST 5TH**

DEADLINE ONE WEEK AWAY FOR THOSE SEEKING TO APPEAR ON BALLOT AS  
PETITIONING CANDIDATES

**HARTFORD:** Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today is reminding anyone wishing to appear on the November municipal election ballot as a petitioning candidate that they have until Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to turn in nominating petitions. Petitions are obtainable at the Secretary of the State's Office at 30 Trinity Street in Hartford and must be delivered in person either to the Secretary's office or to the office of the municipal clerk.

"Cities and towns across Connecticut continue to face budget pressures and educational issues that highlight the importance of municipal elections for voters this year," said Secretary Bysiewicz. "It is crucial that those who seek to run for elective office as petitioning candidates in November turn in their signatures by the deadline of August 5<sup>th</sup> in order to ensure their names get on the ballot for the general election in November."

In order to qualify for a spot on the general election ballot, a petitioning candidate must collect signatures from at least 1% of the total voters who cast ballots for that office during the previous election. Petitioning candidates do not participate in the municipal primaries in September, but appear on the November ballot directly. This process is typically utilized by independent or minor party candidates seeking to contest a position of municipal leadership.