

PUBLIC NOTICE

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POLLING PLACES MUST BE ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED VOTERS FOR NOVEMBER 4 ELECTIONS

Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz says Connecticut polling places must be accessible on **Election Day, Tuesday, November 4**, to persons with disabilities.

"The ability to shape tomorrow through voting is the foundation of our democracy," said Bysiewicz. "Everybody who comes out to vote must have an equal opportunity to participate and that includes having polling places accessible to all eligible voters."

Large print voting machine instructions must be posted in a conspicuous location and people who are totally blind are entitled to reader services at the polls. In addition, any voter who requires assistance because of blindness, disability, or inability to read may be accompanied in the voting booth by a person of their choice, other than an employer or an officer or agent for the voter's labor union.

Citizens who are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired may obtain information about voting from the Secretary of the State's Office by calling the TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) number, (860) 509-6191 or toll free TDD at 1-800-303-3161. Registered voters who cannot vote in person due to physical disability may vote by absentee ballot.

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the office of the municipal clerk, either in person or by mail through November 3. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the municipal clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 4.

For further information about voting aids and assistance available to elderly, handicapped, disabled and illiterate voters, contact your registrar of voters, municipal clerk or the elections division of the Secretary of the State's Office at (860) 509-6100 or toll-free at 1-800-540-3764.