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## Citizen Coalition To Recount Ballots In Bridgeport Starting November 29th

Intention is to independently answer concerns raised by ballot shortages and the hand counting of photocopied ballots

**Bridgeport, Connecticut** – The CT Citizen Audit Coalition will be conducting a citizen recount of the ballots cast in the gubernatorial race in Bridgeport, in conjunction with the Connecticut Post and with the cooperation with the City of Bridgeport. The recount will be conducted by citizen volunteers.

The CT Citizen Audit Coalition is comprised of the League of Women Voters of Connecticut, Common Cause, CT Citizen Action Group and CTVotersCount. The citizen recount will begin at 1PM on Monday, November 29 in the lower level of the Bridgeport City Hall Annex. Bridgeport officials have agreed to a process that will ensure the security of provided election materials during the recount.

Luther Weeks of CTVotersCount states, "Our process is a blend of Connecticut's postelection audits and the rigorous hand counting employed in other states for their recounts. We will count machine-scanned ballots in a manner similar to Connecticut's post-election audit law, judging the counting based on what the machine should have counted and we will report on the ballot chain of custody. For all photocopied ballots, we will count all votes according to voter's intent as they should have been counted during the original hand counts."

Cheryl Dunson of the League of Women Voters of CT stated, "Our process is transparent but not adversarial – the City of Bridgeport is cooperating fully, providing election night materials and logistical support for this citizen recount. Voters have the right to vote with confidence that their vote was accurately counted. This process will help respond to concerns raised by the shortage of ballots on election night."

To learn more about the Coalition or to view the coalition's post-election audit reports visit: http://www.CTElectionAudit.org