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### ***Citizen Coalition Reports on Bridgeport Recount***

**Votes were miscounted and miscalculated adding votes to each candidate, but not changing winner in the race for governor**

**Bridgeport, Connecticut** – The Connecticut Citizen Audit Coalition conducted 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 Connecticut Citizen Audit Coalition is comprised of the League of Women Voters of Connecticut, Common Cause, Connecticut Citizen Action Group and CTVotersCount.

The recount counted all ballots cast in the City of Bridgeport in the race for governor and compared ballot counts to voters checked-in. The recount was conducted by fifty-six (56) citizen volunteers donating over one-hundred and fifteen (115) days to the cause of democracy. Most of the volunteers had previous experience observing post-election audits for the Coalition.

Luther Weeks of CTVotersCount states, “We found evidence suggesting just about every type of counting and calculation error one would imagine from officials who worked extended days and counted under pressure. We also found differences between numbers of ballots cast and numbers of voters checked-in at the polls.”

Cheryl Dunson of the League of Women Voters of CT stated, “Voters deserve better. Municipalities must provide sufficient numbers of ballots. Election officials need more training, organization, and more time to determine and report results. There is also a need for more enforcement of our election laws.”

Cheri Quickmire, Executive Director, Common Cause of Connecticut said “While the recount showed no evidence of fraud, there were numerous errors. It is time for elections officials to be accountable to the citizens of the state. It is time to professionalize elections in Connecticut.”

Connecticut Citizen Action Group Executive Director, Tom Swan said, “In a closer election, similar errors could have changed an election result, precluded a necessary recanvass or caused an unnecessary one.”

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