

# 0 Connecticut Citizen Election Audit

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## ***Citizen Audit Report Lauds Improvements in Post-Election Audit Drawing***

**Secretary of the State and her Office significantly improve integrity and transparency**

**Hartford, Connecticut** –Today, the Connecticut Citizen Election Audit released a report of their audit of the random drawing of districts and races for the November 2014 post-election audit. The credibility of elections depends on the integrity of the post-election audit, which in turn depends on the integrity and transparency of the associated random drawing.

Citizen Audit spokesperson Luther Weeks noted, *“We applaud improvements made by the Secretary of the State and her Office. The drawing was significantly more accurate than last year and, for the first time, the Secretary chose races for audit publicly and transparently”*

Report findings included:

- ▲ *Significantly fewer errors in the random drawing list in November 2014 compared to November 2013, finding:*
  - *One (1) missing district in 2014 vs. sixteen (16) missing in 2013.*
  - *Seven (7) non-existent districts on the list in 2014 vs. two (2) in 2013.*
  - *Three (3) municipalities incorrect in 2014 vs. fourteen (14) incorrect in 2013.*
- ▲ *Improvements largely due to the diligence of the Secretary of the State’s Office, in leading compliance in 2014, with a law intended to fix past problems.*
  - *A compliance failure rate of 2.4% in 2014 vs. 67% in 2013.*
- ▲ *We also appreciate that the Secretary and Secretary’s Office responded to our request to reverse past precedent and hold a public and transparent drawing of races to be audited.*

The Connecticut Citizen Election Audit (Citizen Audit) has organized volunteer observers and provided independent post-election audit reports since the adoption of optical scanners statewide in 2007. All reports and backup data are available online at: <http://www.CTElectionAudit.org>

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