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### **Secretary of State Jim Condos Encourages Voters to Have a Voting Plan**

*Montpelier, VT* – Today Secretary of State Jim Condos encouraged Vermont voters to have a voting plan for the Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> Statewide Primary Election.

“The primaries are an important opportunity for voters to have their voices heard at the ballot box, where they decide what major party candidates will appear on the November General Election ballot,” said Condos. “This is a ‘once in a generation’ primary, and I want to encourage every single eligible Vermont voter to have a voting plan for how they will get to the polls to vote tomorrow, if they have not already cast a ballot early.”

Studies have shown that making a specific plan, including determining how and when a voter will get to the polls, makes it much more likely that a person will follow through.

All Vermont polls must open by 10am, and must close at 7pm. Voters should check <https://mvp.vermont.gov> or directly with their Town or City Clerk to verify their polling place location and opening time.

Anyone who has requested a ballot and who has not returned it to the Clerk before election day should bring their voted and unvoted ballots directly to the polls before 7pm on Tuesday. If they have lost their ballot, they can still vote at the polls but must sign an affidavit that they have not already returned a voted ballot.

Vermont’s same day registration law enables voters to register and cast a ballot on election day. 17 year-olds are eligible to register and vote in the Primary if they meet the other voter eligibility criteria and will be 18 by the November General Election.

Each polling place is equipped with an accessible voting system available to all voters, which enables voters with a disability or visual impairment to vote privately and independently with an array of assistive devices.

“Your vote is your voice; exercise it,” said Condos. “I hope to see you at the polls tomorrow, if you have not already voted. Our democracy grows stronger when we all vote.”

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