



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In The Matter of a Referral by Hon. Stephanie Thomas, File No. 2024-003A
Secretary of the State, Hartford

NOTICE OF CASE CLOSURE

The referring official, the Secretary of State, alleged that Respondents Denise Solano and Rebeca Garcia did not follow proper procedure for the circulation of absentee ballot applications, potentially in violation of Connecticut General Statutes § 9-140 (k), prior to the January 23, 2024, Bridgeport Democratic Mayoral Primary. This disposition is limited to Respondent Solano. An agreement with Respondent Garcia is treated in a separate document.

In the course of this investigation, it was admitted that Respondent Solano did register and receive absentee ballots from the Bridgeport Town Clerk's office. Further, it was admitted that she provided other individuals some of these absentee ballot applications to distribute to prospective applicants. Those individuals had not registered with the town clerk as distributors, as required. Upon learning of the need for each distributor to register, Respondent Solano, prior to the primary, returned to the town clerk's office and delivered a list of distributors for the absentee ballots she had originally obtained. Further, Respondent Solano submitted a list of prospective absentee ballot applicants to the town clerk as required by General Statutes § 9-140 (k) (2).

In light of the fact that Respondent Solano effectively cured the potential violations regarding the requirements for distributing absentee ballot applications, the Commission declines to expend further resources in pursuing this matter. Respondent Solano is deemed on notice of the requirements for distributing absentee ballot applications pursuant to General Statutes § 9-140 (k) and will be provided a copy of this disposition.

The Commission therefore directs the Clerk of the Commission to administratively close this matter as to Respondent Solano.

Reflected in the record this 18th day of February, 2026, at
Hartford, Connecticut.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sheri-Lynn Laqueux".

Clerk of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

February 18, 2026
(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)

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