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**WESTPORT TO OFFER OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS ON  
NEW OPTICAL SCANNING VOTING MACHINES**

The Westport Registrars of Voters, in cooperation with the League of Women Voters of Westport, will be offering a series of open house informational sessions to familiarize the public with the new optical scanning voting machines that all voters in Connecticut will use in the November 6 election.

The free sessions will be held in the Westport Town Hall Auditorium on September 26 from 3-5 p.m., September 27 from 6-8 p.m., October 10 from 3-5 p.m., and October 11 from 6-8 p.m. There will also be a session at the Senior Center on October 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Connecticut's new optical scanning voting machines have replaced the lever machines that the state has used for decades in local polling places. The paper ballot/optical scanning technology resembles that used for scoring SATs and other standardized school tests. Westport's Registrar of Voters are inviting the public to become acquainted with the new voting machines and to see how uncomplicated and secure Connecticut's new technology for elections really is.

Registrars Nita Cohen and Judith Raines will be leading the sessions, with assistance from members of the League of Women Voters of Westport.

For additional information, contact the Registrar of Voters office at 203-341-1115, or visit the website at [www.westportct.gov](http://www.westportct.gov), or the League of Women Voters website, [www.lwvwestportct.org](http://www.lwvwestportct.org).