For Immediate Release: Secretary of State Gorbea to make Voter ID Cards available in advance of the Central Falls special election

PROVIDENCE, RI –Voters in Central Falls will go to the polls in February to elect two new city council members. Secretary of State Nellie M. Gorbea is providing several opportunities for voters in that city who do not currently have a valid photo ID to obtain a FREE Voter ID Card provided by the Department of State.

Per Rhode Island state law, poll workers will ask all voters to present a current and valid photo ID when they vote at their polling place. Below is a list of dates and locations where registered Central Falls voters may obtain a FREE Voter ID card:

January 30, 2015 10am-Noon February 2, 2015 10am-Noon February 2, 2015 1:30-3:30pm Forand Manor, 30 Washington Street, Central Falls Wilfred Manor, 466 Hunt Street, Central Falls Progreso Latino, 626 Broad Street, Central Falls

"I am committed to ensuring that every Rhode Islander who is eligible to vote has every opportunity to do so," Gorbea said. "The Central Falls special election is a great opportunity for more citizens in that city to get involved in the democratic process."

Registered voters interested in obtaining a Voter ID Card must present proof of identity such as:

Employee ID card, credit or debit card, military ID card, student ID card, health club ID card, insurance plan ID card, public housing ID card, or a recent utility bill, bank statement, government paycheck, voter notification issued by a government agency, vehicle registration or vehicle certificate of ownership (title) issued by a government agency.

Please note, no eligible voter will be turned away at the polls. Voters who do not bring an acceptable ID to their polling place can vote using a standard Provisional Ballot. The ballot will be counted if the signature they give at their polling place matches the signature on their voter registration.