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**Commission on Aging, AARP Sponsor Election Results Forum Nov. 6;  
Keynote, Analysts, Assess National, State Impact on Aging Public Policy**

HARTFORD—The Connecticut Commission on Aging and AARP Connecticut will co-sponsor a free two-hour forum to assess the effects of the 2008 federal and state elections Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. in room 2D of the Legislative Office Building adjacent to the state Capitol.

Nancy A. LeaMond, executive vice president of Social Impact at AARP's national headquarters in Washington will be the keynote speaker.

LeaMond leads AARP's strategic planning, government relations, advocacy and education initiatives. She also directs programs for the organization's health care, financial security, livable communities and global aging agenda. She joined AARP in 2001 as director of International Affairs.

Analysis of the state-level elections will be provided by Bill Curry and Kevin Rennie, op-ed columnists for the *Hartford Courant* who have both served in the Connecticut General Assembly.

Curry has also been a two-time Democratic nominee for governor of Connecticut, congressional candidate and a White House advisor in the Clinton Administration.

Rennie was elected to both the Connecticut House and Senate where he served on several key committees including Banking, Judiciary, and Finance.

Julia Evans Starr, executive director of the Connecticut Commission on Aging, will serve as moderator for the panel discussion and question-and-answer session. Commission on Aging Legislative Director Debra Polun will also review results of Connecticut's General Assembly races.

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“Connecticut has one of the highest per capita populations of older adults in the nation and the results of federal and state elections can have profound immediate and long-term affects on them,” Evans Starr said. “This forum will give us a jump-start on planning and fine-tuning priorities for the upcoming session of the General Assembly in January.”

“AARP Connecticut is pleased to present this event on behalf of our 629,000 members and we’re fortunate that a nationally recognized expert like Nancy LeaMond will join us,” said Brenda Kelley, AARP state director. “Just two days after the elections, with the dust still settling, the forum will help set the stage for the challenging public policy debates that lie ahead.”

An independent agency of the General Assembly, the Connecticut Commission on Aging advocates on behalf of Connecticut’s present and future generations of older adults and serves as an objective, credible source of information on issues affecting them.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization for people 50 and over. It provides information and resources; advocates on legislative, consumer and legal issues; assists members to serve their communities; and offers a wide range of benefits, products and services.

To register for the forum, call the Commission on Aging at (860) 240-5200 or email [coa@cga.ct.gov](mailto:coa@cga.ct.gov).