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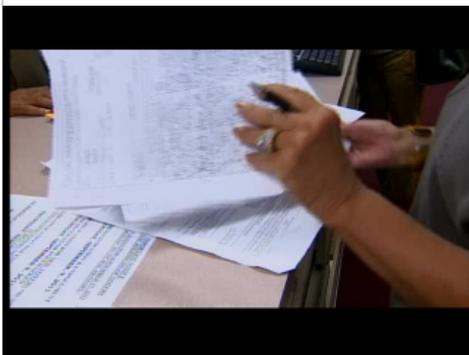


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DeStefano faces competition in next election

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New Haven, Conn. (WTNH) - New Haven's longtime mayor is facing a big battle within his own party.

Four Democrats are challenging John DeStefano and they've each collected just over the 2,000 signatures needed to force a primary against him. Change is the common battle cry among the four.

On Wednesday, the challengers handed that petition over to the Registrar of Voters.

Mayor Destefano has been in office for 18 years. One more win and he will become the longest serving mayor in city history.

One crushing problem the city faces is money.

Another big problem is crime. New Haven was recently named the fourth most violent city in America, right when police officers were being laid off.

The regestrar's office has to validate every signature, so it's unclear who will be on the ballot. They hope to be done by Monday.

A number of debates are scheduled, including one on August 11. Primary day is September 13.

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