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Stockton's First Poll Indicates Leads For Obama, Menendez, LoBiondo

The Stockton Polling Institute surveyed potential voters in the 2nd district.

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Voters in the second congressional district favor President Barack Obama, Senator Bob Menendez and Congressman Frank LoBiondo, respectively, according to the inaugural poll conducted by the **Richard Stockton College of New Jersey** Polling Institute, the college announced on Thursday, Sept. 27. The poll of 624 people was conducted from Sept. 19-24, the college said.

The college announced it would start its own polling institute in **April** and dedicated it **Sept. 14**. The institute is part of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

The poll shows LoBiondo, the Republican incumbent, leads Democratic challenger Cassandra Shober by a margin of 55 percent to 35 percent, the college said.

"Congressman LoBiondo's lead is expected given his 18 years in Congress," Daniel J. Douglas, Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, said in a release.

Of all those surveyed, 62 percent have a very or somewhat favorable opinion of the LoBiondo, while 19 percent have a somewhat or very unfavorable opinion. Eighteen percent of those surveyed were unsure or unfamiliar with him.

At the same time, 56 percent of those surveyed are unfamiliar or not sure of what they think of Shober.

Of those surveyed, 57 percent gave LoBiondo a favorable job performance rating, and 36 percent rated his performance as fair or poor. Only 14 percent of voters approve of Congress' overall job performance, and 84 percent disapprove.

Democratic incumbent Menendez leads Republican challenger Joseph Kyrillos by a margin of 56 to 33 percent in the second congressional district.

Democratic incumbent Obama leads Republican challenger Mitt Romney by a margin of 57 to 33 percent in the second congressional district.

Those surveyed also rated Gov. Chris Christie's job performance, with 47 percent rating it as excellent or good and 51 percent rating his performance as fair or poor, but his overall favorability rating remains over 50 percent, at 51 percent. Forty-six percent of those surveyed viewed him somewhat or very unfavorbaly.

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The second congressional district consists of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem and parts of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties.

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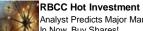
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