



Hughes Center Poll: Obama and Christie Favorably Viewed 9th District Voters Generally Supportive of Christie

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Pomona, NJ—President Barack Obama and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie favorability ratings are close according to a new Stockton-Zogby poll.* Obama is favored by 58% and Christie is favored by 55% of voters surveyed.

Although the favorability ratings are virtually tied, Obama still beats Christie in a hypothetical election contest for president, 45% to 38%.

The poll of 400 likely voters in the new 9th Legislative District was commissioned by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy and run from May 4-7 and has a margin of error of $\pm 5\%$.

Christie has good news in the 9th Legislative District in that voters favor his re-election by a margin of 48% to 41%.

While respondents generally support a number of Governor Christie's policies, such as increasing the amount public employees contribute to healthcare and pensions, 72% are opposed to increasing deductibles and co-pays for senior citizen health programs.

"We also took an early look at the upcoming legislative races," Schulman said. "These numbers are just early benchmarks and we can expect to see a lot of movement in the numbers as the campaigns get in gear late in the summer and into the fall."

(Results for Legislative District Races can be found on the second page.)

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