



## Hughes Center Poll: Reducing Crime Top Priority for Tourism District

Voters Remain Unsure Whether or Not the Tourism District Will Help

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Pomona, NJ—Two thirds of likely voters in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District believe that reducing crime should be the top priority of the new Atlantic City Tourism District, according to a Stockton-Zogby poll\*. An almost identical amount has a wait-and-see attitude on whether or not the District will improve Atlantic City.

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

65% of the respondents think very or somewhat favorably of President Obama. "However, if an election for president was held today and Gov. Christie was the other candidate, it becomes a horse race with Obama at 47% and Christie at 41%," said Sharon Schulman, Hughes Center executive director.

Christie remains strong in LD 2. 53% would vote to re-elect him if the election was held today and 58% have very or somewhat favorable opinion of him. Those that have an unfavorable opinion of him say the main reason is the way he treats NJ Education Association/teachers.

"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."

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| Jeff Van Drew   | 59        |   |                     |    |                  |    |              |   |              |    |  |           |   |                         |           |                         |           |                      |           |                    |    |                |    |                |    |                |    |              |   |          |    |
| David DeWeese   | 11        |   |                     |    |                  |    |              |   |              |    |  |           |   |                         |           |                         |           |                      |           |                    |    |                |    |                |    |                |    |              |   |          |    |
| Thomas Greto  | 4         |   |                     |    |                  |    |              |   |              |    |  |           |   |                         |           |                         |           |                      |           |                    |    |                |    |                |    |                |    |              |   |          |    |
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| Suzanne M. Walters  | 13        |   |                     |    |                  |    |              |   |              |    |  |           |   |                         |           |                         |           |                      |           |                    |    |                |    |                |    |                |    |              |   |          |    |
| Samuel Fiocchi  | 9         |   |                     |    |                  |    |              |   |              |    |  |           |   |                         |           |                         |           |                      |           |                    |    |                |    |                |    |                |    |              |   |          |    |
| Paul J. Halley  | 8         |   |                     |    |                  |    |              |   |              |    |  |           |   |                         |           |                         |           |                      |           |                    |    |                |    |                |    |                |    |              |   |          |    |
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