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TOP STORY

Mazzeo, Polistina teams debate Wednesday for state Senate, Assembly races

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Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo, left, D-Atlantic, and designated state Sen. Vince Polistina, R-Atlantic, are the candidates in one of this fall's most competitive and watched legislative races.

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ATLANTIC CITY — The candidates for state Senate and Assembly in the 2nd Legislative District are set to debate at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Stockton University's city campus.

Voters in the general election will choose one state senator and two Assembly representatives for the district, which covers most of Atlantic County.

Voting by mail has already started, and for the first time this year there will be early voting by machine from Oct. 23 to 31. Election Day is Nov. 2.

The debate will begin with the two Senate candidates from 6 to 6:55 p.m. in the Fannie Lou Hamer Event Room in the John F. Scarpa Academic Center. The candidates are Republican former Assemblyman Vince Polistina, of Egg Harbor Township, and Democratic Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo, of Northfield.

The four Assembly candidates will debate from 7 to 8 p.m. They are incumbent Democrat John Armato and Democratic county Commissioner Caren Fitzpatrick; and Republicans former Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian and attorney Claire Swift, of Margate.

Debate sponsors are Stockton's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy and The Press of Atlantic City.

Attendees must comply with Stockton COVID-19 regulations. Masks must be worn at all times indoors. Visitors also must complete an online health pledge. Attendees must bring the printed email confirming they took the pledge, have it on their cellphone for viewing or retake the pledge on site. The health pledge is online at **go.stockton.edu/public/visitor/form**.

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Where to vote early in Atlantic County

WHAT: Early voting in Atlantic County

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 23, Oct. 25-30 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays Oct. 24 and Oct. 31

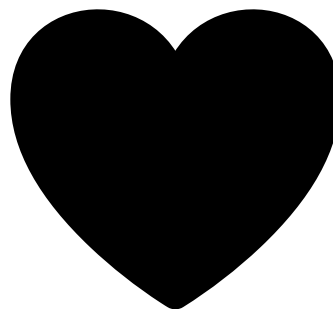
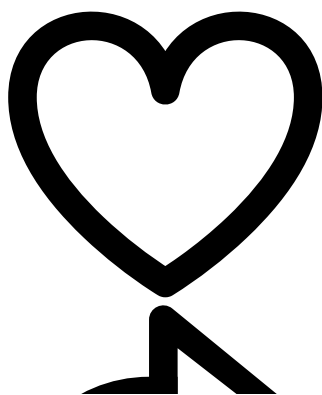
WHERE: Six locations are Atlantic City Free Public Library, 1 N. Tennessee Ave., Atlantic City; Atlantic County Shoreview Building, 101 Shore Rd., Northfield; Atlantic County Library, 40 Farragut Ave., Mays Landing; Atlantic County Library, 306 E. Jimmie Leeds Rd., Galloway Township; Martin Luther King Center, 661 Jackson Rd., Newtonville in Buena Vista Township; Hammonton Family Success Center, 310 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton.

WHO: Any voter registered in Atlantic County may vote in any of the six locations. New electronic poll books and voting machines allow all county records and ballots to be accessed at any of the locations.

Voting on Election Day, Nov. 2, will be at assigned polling locations, using e-poll books but traditional voting machines that only access one version of a ballot.

WATCH LIVE

Watch the 2nd District state Senate and Assembly candidates debate at 6 p.m. at PressofAC.com.



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