



Stockton: Van Drew beating GOP opponent: 62-39%; Assembly races tighter

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Two political figures from different parties – Republican Gov. Chris Christie and Democratic state Sen. Jeff Van Drew Legislative District, according to a Stockton Polling Institute poll released today.

Christie leads Democrat Barbara Buono, a state senator, 60 percent to 28 percent.

Van Drew leads Republican challenger Susan Adelizzi-Schmidt 62 percent to 29 percent, including voters who say th or the other. Van Drew, a former state assemblyman first elected to the Senate in 2007, receives high favorability rati challenge of low name recognition; 64 percent of respondents said they are not familiar with her.

However, the race for two state Assembly seats is much tighter, according to Stockton. While Democratic incumbent percent, Republican challengers Sam Fiocchi and Kristine Gabor (both 17 percent) are only four percentage points be 21 percent.

Albano is the better known of the four Assembly candidates. Only 26 percent were not familiar with the incumbent; w/ each of the other three candidates.

The contest for U.S. Senate in the traditionally Republican-leaning district is tighter. Democrat Cory Booker leads Rep points, 45.6 percent to 38.4 percent.

Stockton conducted the poll with 601 likely 1st District voters from Sept. 23-26. Interviewers called both land lines and +/-3.9 percent.

“The 1st District has been competitive for a number of years, and it appears that at least one state Assembly seat the director of the Hughes Center.

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- 31 percent said an endorsement by Christie of a legislative candidate would make it less likely for them to vote it more likely; and 32 percent said it would make no difference.
- 54 percent believe New Jersey is headed in the right direction, with 32 saying it is on the wrong track.
- Voters identify jobs, property taxes, taxes in general and the economy as the top issues facing New Jersey.
- 74 percent say property taxes have increased in the past three years.
- Voters support ballot questions to raise the minimum wage and provide cost-of-living increases and to allow ve expenses by percentages of more than 70 percent.

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