## 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 reelection 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.

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Candidate	%
Jeff Van Drew	59
David DeWeese	11
Thomas Greto	4
Someone else	1
Not sure	25

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