

Hughes Center Poll:

Obama and Christie Favorably Viewed

1st District Seniors Concerned About Cuts

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Pomona, NJ—Likely voters in the new 1st Legislative District view both President Barack Obama and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie favorably, but send mixed signals about Christie's policies and their support for re-election.

The Stockton-Zogby poll* of 400 likely voters in the new 1st 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 $\pm 5\%$.

61% of the 1st District respondents think very or somewhat favorably of President Obama and 53% of respondents view Christie the same way. "In a hypothetical election contest for president, it becomes a horse race with Obama at 47% and Christie at 41%," said Sharon Schulman, Hughes Center executive director.

Respondents generally support at better than 60% a number of Governor Christie's policies, such as increasing the amount public employees contribute to healthcare and pensions. However, 77% do not support increasing deductibles and co-pays for senior citizen health programs.

Although Christie is viewed favorably by a majority of respondents (53%), only 45% support his re-election while 47% oppose. This is a virtual tie given the margin of error and the 9% who are unsure of his re-election.

"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.)

