



Mazzeo leads with 34 percent, followed by Democrat John Armato at 25 percent. Republican Vince Sera receives 17 percent, and GOP running mate Brenda Taube is at 16 percent. Two independent candidates, Heather Gordon and Mico Lucide of the Green Party, both have slightly more than 2 percent each, with about 5 percent undecided.

Mazzeo, with a 53 percent favorable rating, is the only candidate with significant name recognition in the district, according to the poll. Only 35 percent are unfamiliar with the incumbent candidate. Running mate Armato is unfamiliar to 62 percent. Republicans Sera and Taube are unfamiliar to at least 75 percent.

Other poll highlights include:

In LD2, Democrat Phil Murphy leads Republican Kim Guadagno for governor 53 percent to 31 percent.

Property taxes (23 percent) and taxes in general (17 percent) top issue in the state elections.

Asked for their feelings about the state takeover of Atlantic City government, 44 percent agree that they may not like the takeover but think it was necessary. Thirty-six percent fully oppose the takeover, while 11 percent support it.