

Hughes Center for Public Policy Poll On 1st Congressional District Reveals Substantial Lead for Rob Andrews

Candidate's Change of Mind Has Little Impact

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Galloway Twp., NJ – In a head to head poll commissioned by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, incumbent Democratic Congressman Rob Andrews holds a commanding 73 percent to 16 percent lead over the Republican challenger, Dale Glading.

Andrews also enjoyed a 10 percent edge over Glading in a breakdown of only Republican-likely voters. Among Republicans, Andrews was the preferred candidate, 48 percent to 38 percent.

In a separate polling issue, the Center looked at the effect of Andrews' decision to drop out of the race to run for a higher office and then re-engage himself as the Democratic candidate. More than 75 percent of those asked said that his dropping out and then re-entering the race made no difference on whether or not they would vote for Andrews. Eighteen percent of the respondents said it made them less likely to vote for him.

"Trends of note are younger voters in the 18 to 34 age range overwhelmingly preferring Andrews at more than 82% and Hispanics and African Americans between 95 and 100%," said Sharon Schulman, Director of the Hughes Center. "These same likely voters were also the highest in saying that Andrews' decision to leave the race for the House of Representatives to run in the primary race for Senate and then, after losing that bid, replace his wife as the candidate for the House, had no effect on their decision to vote for him." Using Zogby International as its pollster, the Hughes Center surveyed more than 400 likely voters from the First Congressional District from September 18th to 20th. The margin of error on the poll is plus or minus 4.5 percent.

Later this week the Center will have additional results available from a Hughes Center/*Press of Atlantic City* poll on the race for president and Congressional Districts 1, 2, and 3.

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