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## Hughes Center Poll: Obama and Christie Favorably Viewed 1<sup>st</sup> District Seniors Concerned About Cuts

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Pomona, NJ—Likely voters in the new 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.)*

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