

**Hughes Center Poll:
Toss-up in 2nd District Senate Race
Whelan and Polistina are Tied**

For Immediate Release

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Contact:

Galloway, NJ— Likely voters in the have not made up their minds in the competitive 2nd Legislative District State Senate race, according to the Richard Stockton College/Zogby Poll commissioned by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy.

Democratic incumbent State Senator Jim Whelan and Republican challenger Assemblyman Vince Polistina are in a virtual tie with likely voters favoring Whelan with 40.0% and Polistina with 40.6%. The difference is within the margin of error of +/-

K-12 education, healthcare, senior citizen programs and economic development were identified as the top four New Jersey state budget areas that should receive priority funding.

The Stockton-Zogby poll* of 600 likely voters in the new 2nd Legislative District was conducted from September 20 – 27. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 4.1 %.

2 nd LD Senate Race			2 nd LD Assembly Race		
Candidate	May	Sept	Candidate	May	Sept
	%	%		%	%
Jim Whelan	47	40.0	John F. Amodeo	46	48.1
Vince Polistina	37	40.6	Chris Brown	40	46.7
Someone else	1	1.7	Alisa Cooper	26	29.1
Not sure	15	17.8	Damon Tyner	13	25.6
			Someone else	2	1.7
			Not sure	23	19.4

About the Hughes Center

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey serves as a catalyst for research, analysis and innovative policy solutions on the political, economic, social and cultural issues facing New Jersey.

* IBOPE Zogby International is a non-partisan, premier global public opinion polling and market research firm that offers timely, accurate results and in -depth analysis and insights. IBOPE Zogby International was formed in January 2010 following the acquisition of Zogby International by IBOPE Inteligencia of Brazil, a subsidiary of IBOPE Group. Please visit www.ibopezogby.com for more information on IBOPE Zogby International.