

President Trump's impeachment in his freshman year, converted to the GOP and pledged his "undying support" to the president.

Whether it was a matter of principle, as Van Drew insists, or merely a survival tactic in a district that has a conservative bent remains a matter o

On the other hand, Van Drew, a moderate South Jersey political figure, could steal some Democratic votes because he is well-known. "In the 2nd District, even the Democrats are kind of conservative," Froomjian said.

Froomjian said that for Kennedy to win, she will need another blue wave (like the one that helped Van Drew in 2018) led by presidential candidate Joe Biden. And there are signs that could happen, he adds. Over the past year, Democrats have been outpacing Republicans in registering new voters, as well as luring unaffiliated voters to join the party. Democrats now hold a 20,000 advantage over Republicans in the district.

The candidates debate Thursday, Oct. 8

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