2nd District Voters Concerned with Jobs, Support Minimum Wage Hike, Stockton Poll Finds
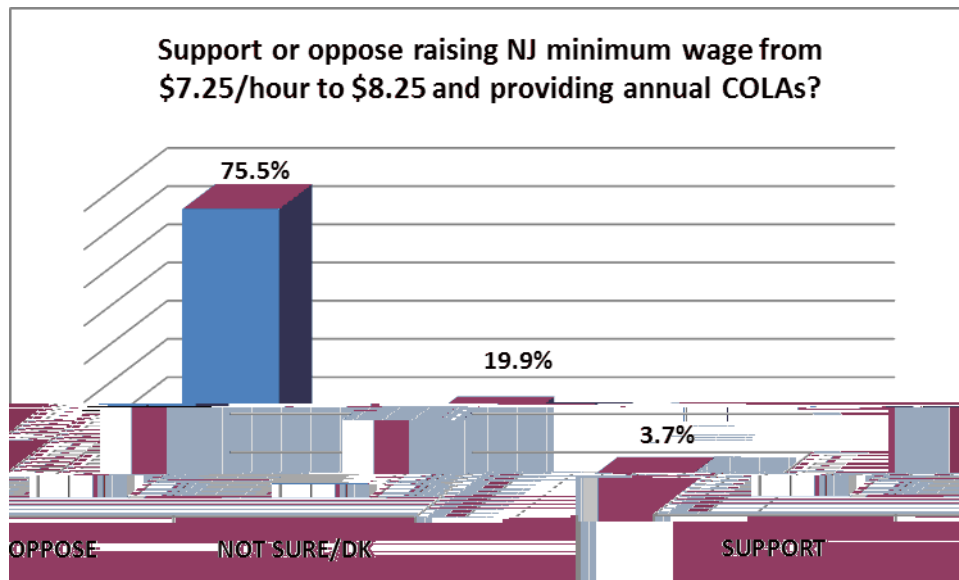
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Galloway, NJ – Likely voters in the 2nd Legislative District, where jobs is the top issue, strongly support increasing New Jersey's minimum wage and providing annual cost of living increases, according to a Stockton Polling Institute poll released today.

The poll of 596 likely voters found 76 percent supporting a proposal to raise the state's minimum wage from $7.25 an hour to $8.25 an hour and to tie future increases to the cost of living. Twenty percent oppose the proposal, and 4 percent are undecided.

Support or oppose raising NJ minimum wage from $7.25/hour to $8.25 and providing annual COLAs?

75.5%

19.9%

3.7%

OPPOSE   NOT SURE/DK   SUPPORT

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(See press release of Sept. 11, 2013: http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/hughescenter/content/docs/Polling/2013%20Polling/Stockton2ndDistrictPoll2013PressRelease.pdf.)

While the governor receives support in the district, his ability to influence this year's legislative elections may be limited. Sixty-one percent said an endorsement by the governor would make them less likely to support that candidate or would make no difference. Thirty percent said Christie's backing would make them more likely to vote for a Senate or Assembly candidate.

Finally, 77 percent support a proposal to allow veterans groups to use proceeds from games of chance for operating expenses, while 13 percent oppose the ballot question proposal and 8 percent are unsure.

Methodology

Interviews were conducted at the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy's Stockton Polling Institute by live interviewers calling from the Stockton College campus. The poll was conducted with 596 likely voters from Sept. 7-9. Interviewers called both land lines and cell phones. All prospective respondent households in the source telephone list have the same chance of joining the sample because of random selection. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.0 th5()2.6(.) Collgh5(.(2.6c.6(nc)-2(on)10.-6.6(2)11.3(f)-2.6(ol)2.6(lo1.9(w)w 0-6.1.2(2)11.3(T)-TD(e w)2.6(ni)2.6(