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Newsday / News 12 Long Island / Siena College State Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> S.D. Poll:

## Croci Maintains Huge 59-34% Lead Over Esposito

Loudonville, NY. Republican Tom Croci maintains a huge lead over Democrat Adrienne Esposito in the race to replace Republican congressional candidate Lee Zeldin. Croci leads 59-34 percent, down slightly from a 56-29 percent lead earlier this month, according to a Newsday/ News 12 Long Island/Siena College poll of likely voters in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Senate District, located in Suffolk County.

“Croci leads by 80 points with Republicans and 24 points with independent voters, while Esposito only has a 32-point lead with

Democrats. He leads

by 17 points in Islip

and 36 points in

Brookhaven,” said

Siena pollster Steven

Greenberg. “While

Croci has a crushing

Senate Race – S.D. 3			Favorability Rating					
Candidate	Senate Race – S.D. 3		Oct. 27			Oct. 2		
	Oct. 27	Oct. 2	Fav	Unfav	DK	Fav	Unfav	DK
Tom Croci (R/C/I)	59%	56%	59%	24%	17%	50%	20%	31%
Adrienne Esposito (D/WFP)	34%	29%	28%	38%	34%	17%	19%	64%
Undecided	7%	15%						
Gubernatorial Race								
Andrew Cuomo (D/I/WFP)	44%	51%	47%	48%	5%	52%	45%	3%
Rob Astorino (R/C)	41%	38%	36%	35%	29%	33%	29%	38%
Howie Hawkins (G)	7%	3%	7%	9%	84%	5%	10%	84%
Undecided	8%	8%						

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90-8 percent lead among voters supporting Rob Astorino for governor, Esposito only leads 53-37 percent with voters supporting Andrew Cuomo. He leads by 29 points with men and has a 22-point lead with women.

“Croci has an impressive 59-24 percent favorability rating, while Esposito is viewed unfavorably by more voters than view her favorably,” Greenberg said. “Croci voters are more solid in their support than Esposito voters, and more voters say that Esposito, not Croci, is waging the more negative campaign. The gubernatorial race has certainly tightened, as Cuomo’s 13-point lead has all but evaporated, and he now leads 44-41 percent.

“Voters supported Croci early and they support him now. He is well known and well liked. Croci’s support is from young and old, Brookhaven and Islip, and he’s doing nearly as well with *Democrats* as Esposito is doing with *independents*.” Greenberg said. “Miracles occasionally but rarely happen. Esposito needs one now.”

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This Newsday/News 12 LI/Siena College State Senate survey was conducted from Oct. 20-23, 2014 by telephone calls to 425 likely voters drawn from a list of registered voters. Determined by a stringent screen, likely voters were statistically adjusted to reflect historic turnout by gender, age and party registration. It has a margin of error of ± 4.7 percentage points. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in NYS. SRI, an independent, non-partisan research institute, subscribes to the American Association of Public Opinion Research Code of Professional Ethics and Practices. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858. Cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: [www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY](http://www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY).