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Newsday / News 12 Long Island / Siena College State Senate 7th S.D. Poll:

Martins Continues Strong Double Digit Lead over Haber Haber Cuts Deficit from 25 to 15 Points; Independents Solidly for Martins

Loudonville, NY. Incumbent Republican State Senator Jack Martins leads Democratic challenger Adam Haber 52-37 percent, down from a 56-31 percent lead three weeks ago, according to a Newsday/News 12 Long Island/Siena College poll of likely voters in the 7th Senate District, located in Nassau County.

“Martins’ huge 25-point lead is now a still strong 15-point lead, as Haber has brought Democrats home, while Martins’ support with

independent voters

grew,” said Siena

pollster Steven

Greenberg. “Martins has

the support of 83 percent

of Republicans and

Haber has the support of

72 percent of Democrats, up from 53 percent three weeks ago. Martins’ lead with independent voters increased from 57-30 percent to now 68-19 percent. He also has the support of three-quarters of Catholic voters, who comprise nearly half of the electorate, and one-third of voters supporting Andrew Cuomo for Governor.

“Two-thirds of Martins voters say they are absolutely certain to support him and only about half of Haber voters say that,” Greenberg said. “Martins has a nearly three-to-one favorability rating, while Haber’s is break even.”

“Cuomo continues to lead Rob Astorino, although the lead is down to 18 points, from 29 points. Independents had solidly sided with Cuomo and are now evenly divided,” Greenberg said.

“Martins is strongly positioned – in the absence of a dramatic, game changing event – as he seeks to win a third term. Haber has narrowed the gap but there’s very little time left to turn this race around,” Greenberg said.

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This Newsday/News 12 LI/Siena College State Senate survey was conducted from October 16-21, 2014 by telephone calls to 423 likely voters drawn from a list of registered voters. Determined by a stringent screen, likely voters were statistically adjusted to reflect historic turnout by party registration, gender and age. It has a margin of error of ± 4.8 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.

Senate Race – S.D. 7			Favorability Rating					
Candidate	Oct. 23	Oct. 1	Oct. 23			Oct. 1		
			Fav	Unfav	DK	Fav	Unfav	DK
Jack Martins (R/C/I)	52%	56%	55%	19%	26%	51%	14%	35%
Adam Haber (D/WFP)	37%	31%	34%	32%	34%	24%	21%	55%
Undecided	11%	14%						
Gubernatorial Race								
Andrew Cuomo (D/I/WFP)	52%	58%	53%	42%	5%	61%	34%	5%
Rob Astorino (R/C)	34%	29%	34%	40%	26%	26%	33%	41%
Howie Hawkins (G)	6%	4%	6%	11%	83%	6%	8%	86%
Undecided	7%	9%						

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