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Newsday / News 12 Long Island / Siena College State Senate 3rd S.D. Poll: **In Open Seat, Croci – A Popular Republican – Leads Esposito – A Largely Unknown Democrat – 56-29% Cuomo Has 13-Point Lead Over Astorino**

Loudonville, NY. In the race to replace Republican congressional candidate Lee Zeldin, Republican Tom Croci has a strong 27-point lead, 56-29 percent, over Democrat Adrienne Esposito. Democrat Andrew Cuomo has a tighter 13-point lead over Republican Rob Astorino in the gubernatorial race, according to a Newsday/ News 12 Long Island/Siena College poll of likely voters in the 3rd Senate District, located in Suffolk County.

“Croci’s name recognition is a solid 50-20 percent favorable, even stronger in his Islip base. Esposito is unknown to nearly two-thirds of voters and among those who know her, they are divided between favorable and unfavorable. It’s not particularly surprising with those numbers to see Croci with a commanding lead – 56-29 percent – over Esposito,” said Siena pollster Steven Greenberg.

“Croci leads among Republicans by 73 points and 22 points among independents,

while Esposito only leads by 37 points with Democrats. He leads by 22 points in Brookhaven and 31 points in his base of Islip. He leads by 36 points with men and 20 points with women,” Greenberg said. “And while 51 percent of Croci voters say there’s no chance they’ll change, only 38 percent of Esposito voters say that.”

“Cuomo leads Astorino 51-38 percent, with the support of 78 percent of Democrats and an 11-point lead with independents. Astorino leads among Republicans 61-29 percent but one-third of Croci voters support Cuomo,” Greenberg said. “Croci looks strong five weeks out. To make this a must watch race, Esposito will have to become known, liked and provide voters with a rationale to want to vote for her.”

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Senate Race		Favorability Rating		
		Fav	Unfav	DK/NO
Tom Croci (R/C/I)	56%	50%	20%	31%
Adrienne Esposito (D/WFP)	29%	17%	19%	64%
Undecided	15%			
Gubernatorial Race				
Andrew Cuomo (D/I/WFP)	51%	52%	45%	3%
Rob Astorino (R/C)	38%	33%	29%	38%
Howie Hawkins (G)	3%	5%	10%	84%
Undecided	8%			
Newsday/News 12 Long Island/Siena College State Senate 3 rd S.D. Poll – October 2, 2014				

This Newsday/News 12 Long Island/Siena College State Senate survey was conducted from September 28-30, 2014 by telephone calls to 432 likely voters, with a margin of error of ± 4.7 percentage points. A likely voter screen was applied to a representative sample of registered voters then weighted by age, gender and historical party turnout. 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.