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Siena College 19th Congressional District Poll: Hall & Hayworth In Virtual Dead Heat Heading into Final Week Hall Picks Up 4 Points as Undecided Independents Move His Way

Loudonville, NY. Heading into the final week of the campaign, the race between Representative John Hall and Republican challenger Nan Hayworth continues to be a neck-and-neck race. Currently, 47 percent of voters support Hall and 46 percent support Hayworth, according to a Siena (College) Research Institute poll of likely 19th CD voters released today. Two weeks ago, Hayworth had a slim 46-43 percent lead.

“John Hall and Nan Hayworth have divided up the voters of the 19th CD virtually down the middle. Over the last two weeks, Hayworth has stayed constant and Hall has picked up four points, largely from previously undecided independent voters,” said Siena College pollster Steven Greenberg. “They each have the support of more than three-quarters of their party’s voters. While two weeks ago, in the last Siena College Poll, independents favored Hayworth by a 46-39 percent margin, now they are virtually evenly divided – like the district as a whole – with 48 percent supporting Hall and 47 percent supporting Hayworth.

If the election was today, who would you vote for?				
		John Hall	Nan Hayworth	Don't Know/ Not Voting
19th CD	Oct. 27	47%	46%	6%
	Oct. 13	43%	46%	10%
<i>Democrats</i>	Oct. 27	81%	14%	5%
	Oct. 13	78%	15%	6%
<i>Republicans</i>	Oct. 27	17%	77%	7%
	Oct. 13	14%	77%	9%
<i>Independents</i>	Oct. 27	48%	47%	5%
	Oct. 13	39%	46%	13%
Orange	Oct. 27	44%	51%	5%
	Oct. 13	34%	55%	11%
Dutchess/ Putnam	Oct. 27	46%	45%	9%
	Oct. 13	46%	43%	11%
Rockland/ Westchester	Oct. 27	52%	43%	5%
	Oct. 13	49%	42%	8%
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“Hall continues to have a high single-digit lead in Rockland and Westchester Counties. Hayworth continues to lead in Orange County, although the lead is down to seven points from 21 points. And the battleground counties of Dutchess and Putnam continue to divide their votes nearly evenly. Those voters favorable to the Tea Party – roughly half the district – support Hayworth 84-12 percent. Those unfavorable to the Tea Party – also roughly half the voters in a district where Republicans and Democrats are nearly evenly enrolled – support Hall by a comparable 82-10 percent margin,” Greenberg said.

“While there is gender gap it is small with men supporting Hayworth by four points and women supporting Hall by seven points. Two weeks ago the gender gap was wider, as men have moved slightly toward Hall and women have moved slightly toward Hayworth,” Greenberg said.

Hall is viewed favorably by 48 percent of voters and unfavorably by 43 percent. Two weeks ago his favorability rating was 44-41 percent.

Hayworth has a 43-33 percent favorability rating. Two weeks ago it was 40-28 percent.

“Democrats view Hall overwhelmingly favorably and Hayworth three-to-one unfavorably. Republicans have an overwhelmingly favorable view of Hayworth

and have a nearly three-to-one unfavorable view of Hall,” Greenberg said. “Independent voters have a slightly unfavorable view of Hall and by a small margin a favorable view of Hayworth.

“With not a lot of undecided voters remaining and more than two-thirds of each candidate’s supporters saying there’s no chance they will change their minds between now and next Tuesday, it is clear that for the final week of the campaign this race is all about turnout, turnout, turnout. Whichever campaign does a better job of getting their voters to the polls is likely to be successful,” Greenberg said.

“If this race gets any closer, they may have to cut the Tappan Zee Bridge down the middle and give half to Hall and half to Hayworth. Call it a barnburner. Call it too-close-to-call. Call it whatever you want but there’s a reason that people across the nation are watching the New York 19th CD. This has the potential to be one of the closest races in the nation and might not be decided till very late next Tuesday – or maybe even later than that,” Greenberg said.

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of ...				
		Fav.	Unfav.	DK/NO
John Hall	Oct. 27	48%	43%	9%
	Oct. 13	44%	41%	14%
Nan Hayworth	Oct. 27	43%	33%	24%
	Oct. 13	40%	28%	32%
Barack Obama	Oct. 27	46%	51%	3%
	Oct. 13	43%	53%	5%
Tea Party Movement	Oct. 27	44%	46%	10%
	Oct. 13	45%	42%	12%
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This Siena College 19th C.D. survey was conducted October 23-26, 2010 by telephone calls to 651 likely voters drawn from registered voter households. A stringent multi-question likely voter screen was applied to all respondents in order to determine those most likely to vote. This survey has a margin of error of + 3.8 percentage points. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY.