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Mangano Up 52 to 35% Over Suozzi as Campaign Heats Up

Likely Voters Prefer Mangano to Suozzi on all Major Issues

Rice Leads by 37 over Sturim; Maragos, Weitzman a Toss-Up

Loudonville, NY. Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano holds a 17-point lead, 52 to 35 percent over former County Executive Tom Suozzi according to The Newsday/News 12/Siena College Poll of likely Nassau County voters released today. By wide margins likely voters think Mangano would do a better job than Suozzi representing them on fighting crime, reducing the county's debt, creating jobs, keeping county taxes under control, making county government more efficient and making sure Nassau fully recovers from Hurricane Sandy. When comparing the current Mangano administration to Suozzi's time as county executive, voters say the Mangano administration was better at addressing the financial concerns of residents, making Nassau the type of place they want to live, managing the county's fiscal affairs and facilitating economic development.

District Attorney Kathleen Rice holds a wide lead, 63 to 26 percent over Republican Howard Sturim. Current Comptroller George Maragos (39%) is locked in a virtual tie with former Comptroller Howard Weitzman (38%).

"A race that was decided by a handful of voters four years ago and looked to be tied in early polling in August has seen Mangano pull away as his support has grown dramatically among independents and increased among both Democrats and Republicans. While no race, especially this race, is over with more than three weeks to go, voters prefer Mangano to Suozzi on their most important issue, keeping county taxes under control. Still, a majority of all voters and even 38 percent of Mangano's backers continue to say that the county is moving in the wrong direction. Both candidates will spend the rest of the campaign trying to convince voters to follow them. As always, whichever Pied Piper is more effective on election day, will prevail," said Don Levy, SRI's Director.

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This Newsday/News 12/Siena College Poll was conducted October 6 - 9, 2013 by telephone calls to 1000 Nassau County registered voters of whom 710 were likely voters via both land lines and cell phones. It has a margin of error of ± 3.7 percentage points for likely voters. Data was statistically adjusted by age, party, race/ethnicity and gender to ensure representativeness. The Siena College Research Institute, directed by Donald Levy, Ph.D., conducts political, economic, social and cultural research primarily in New York State. 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, call Don Levy at 518-783-2901. For survey cross-tabs and frequencies: www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY.