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TEA PARTY STRAW POLL FAVORS GOV. CHRISTIE FOR PRESIDENT

GALLOWAY TWP--Campaign appearances and a new straw poll have political experts talking about the governor running for the oval office.

Governor Chris Christie has spent the last month on the campaign trail. He's using his political capital to bolster support for conservatives running for the governor's office in other states.

Like Pennsylvania gubernatorial candidate Tom Corbett. And in Iowa Christie has stumped for former governor, Terry Branstad who is runninng against a Democratic challenger.

His recent campaign speeches has some political pundits speculating about a possible run for president in 2012. And a recent TEA Party Straw Poll in Virginia favors Governor Christie over party favorite, former Alaska Governor, Sarah Palin. Christie has repeatedly expressed he has no interest in running.

Congressman LoBiondo says in just a short amount of time the governor has After a Columbus Day celebration in Atlantic City, Atlantic County Freeholder, Alisa Cooper says possible aspirations for higher office is commendable.

"But I quite honestly believe he needs to concentrate on fixing many of the problems and addressing many of the problems that are currently facing our state," Cooper, (D) Atlantic County Freeholder at Large.

"He's actually making change," said Sharon Schulman, Executive Director, William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

"And he's trying to realign government so it will work going forward and not drown everyone fiscally," she added.

Schulman also says governor Christie has made a lot of statements while in office. He's taken on the teachers unions, slashed government spending and tackled taxes. And with the 2012 election 24 months away, she adds the governor doesn't have time to raise enough money to mount an effective campaign.