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GALLOWAY – According to the Richard Stockton College Zogby Poll commissioned by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, likely voters in the 9th Legislative District favor the incumbent Republican legislative team of Senator Chris Connors, Assemblywoman DiAnne Gove, and Assemblyman Brian Rumpf over their Democratic challengers, Senate candidate Dorothy Ryan and Assembly candidates Carla Kearney and Bradley Billhimer.

Connors leads Ryan by nearly a 2-to-1 margin, garnering 46 percent of the vote compared to Ryan's 24 percent. Of the likely voters surveyed, 2 percent wanted someone else and 28 percent weren't sure.

Among the Assembly candidates, Rumpf led all the candidates with 40 percent, followed by his running mate Gove at 32 percent, with Billhimer and Carla Kearney trailing with 22nK-12 education, healthcare, economic development and senior Jersey state budget areas that should receive priority funding.

The Stockton-Zogby poll of 600 likely voters was conducted Sept. 20-27. The poll has a margin of error of 4.1 percent.

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