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## 2nd District state Senate candidates Whelan, Polistina debate today on Pinky's Corner radio show

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Democratic state Sen. Jim Whelan and Republican Assemblyman Vince Polistina will face off in a debate today at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa.

The debate is the final one planned by longtime radio host Pinky Kravitz, and will be aired live on his afternoon program, "Pinky's Corner." Kravitz has hosted two earlier debates between the four candidates for New Jersey Assembly in the 2nd District.

The debate is planned for 5 to 6 p.m. today at Borgata's event center. It will be broadcast live on WOND-AM 1400.

The pair are running to represent the 2nd Legislative District, which includes most of Atlantic County, in the state Senate.

Polistina, 40, of Egg Harbor Township, and Whelan, 64, of Atlantic City, enter the final days of the race in a statistical dead heat, according to a Stockton College/Zogby poll released Thursday by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Campaign finance reports also released Thursday show that the 2nd District race is the most expensive in the state out of 40 districts, with more than \$4.4 million raised and nearly \$3.5 million spent by the two parties.

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