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NEW JERSEY-3rd DISTRICT SURVEY JULY 2020

Methodology

On July 13-15, 2020, Basswood Research conducted a survey of New Jersey 3rd District likely voters on behalf of the Congressional Leadership Fund. The survey was conducted by live professional interviewers by telephone, including cell phone interviews for 50% of the sample. The sample size was 400, with a margin of error of +/- 4.9%, at a 95% confidence interval. Interviews were geographically distributed to reflect actual voting patterns in NJ-3 general elections.

Key Findings

• The race for New Jersey's Third Congressional District is a dead heat, with Andy Kim and David Richter statistically tied.

In the congressional race, incumbent Congressman Andy Kim leads Republican challenger David Richter 45%-42%, well within the survey's 4.9% margin of error.

• Richter is highly competitive despite being far less well-known than Kim.

Kim is viewed favorably by 37% of voters, and unfavorably by 31%.

Richter is viewed favorably by 18% of voters, and unfavorably by 10%.

Richter therefore trails on the ballot by only three points, despite having less than half the hard name ID of Kim.

Richter begins the general election with a much better favorability ratio than Kim, and considerably more room to grow.

As an incumbent, Kim's holding only a 37% favorable rating, and garnering only 45% of the vote are danger signs for him.

• President Trump leads the Presidential race.

In the presidential race, President Donald Trump currently leads former Vice President Joe Biden 49%-46%.