

THIRTY-NINTH STREET STRATEGIES, LLC

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TO: Interested Parties

FR: Marc Silverman

RE: Polling in Virginia's 9th Congressional District General Election

Democratic candidate Anthony Flaccavento trails Republican Congressman Morgan Griffith by single digits. Griffith's vote total is below 50%, a precarious position for an incumbent, especially in a district that Donald Trump won by over 40 points. Democratic U.S. Senator Tim Kaine trails his Republican opponent by single digits as the solidly Republican 9th Congressional district becomes more competitive. Flaccavento has the opportunity to cut into Griffith's lead as long as he has the resources to effectively communicate with voters.

Current Vote

- Flaccavento trails Griffith by seven points with leaners (41% Flaccavento / 48% Griffith / 4% another candidate / 7% undecided), and without leaners (34% Flaccavento / 41% Griffith / 4% another candidate / 21% undecided).

Candidate Support Measures

- Flaccavento receives a 37% favorable / 24% unfavorable rating while over one-third (39%) of voters are unable to offer an opinion on the Democratic candidate.
- Voters give Griffith a 56% favorable / 34% unfavorable rating with 10% unable to identify him.
- Griffith's job rating is well below the desired two-to-one ratio considered safe for an incumbent as 51% of voters give him a positive job rating while 40% give him a negative job rating, and 9% can't rate the job he is doing.

Political Environment

- Democratic U.S. Senator Tim Kaine trails his Republican opponent Corey Stewart by only five points (41% Kaine / 46% Stewart / 1% another candidate / 12% undecided).
- Voters give Donald Trump a 55% positive / 43% negative job rating, with 33% giving him a *poor* job rating.

Thirty-Ninth Street Strategies conducted N=400 interviews with likely 2018 general election voters in Virginia's 9th Congressional district. Interviews were conducted June 24-28, 2018. Respondents were selected at random, with interviews apportioned geographically based on past voter turnout. Expected margin of sampling error for these results is $\pm 4.9\%$ with a 95% confidence level.