

# THIRTY-NINTH STREET STRATEGIES, LLC

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TO: Interested Parties

FR: Marc Silverman

RE: Polling in Virginia's 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District General Election

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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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.