

Results of SurveyUSA Election Poll #14449

Geography: NY 26th Congressional District

Data Collected: 09/24/2008 - 09/25/2008

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Republican Chris Lee Positioned to Hold the Open Seat in NY26 for GOP: In an election for United States House of Representatives in New York's 26th Congressional District today, 09/26/08, Republican Chris Lee defeats Democrat Alice Kryzan 48% to 37%, according to this exclusive WGRZ-TV poll conducted by SurveyUSA. Working Families Party candidate Jon Powers takes 5% of the vote today; Independence Party candidate Anthony Fumerelle, who was [replaced on the ballot](#), by the Independence Party, with Republican Chris Lee during the field period of this survey, took 3% of the vote. 7% of likely voters are undecided. Among men, Lee, a Tonawanda businessman, leads by 18 points; among women, Lee leads by 5. Among voters age 18 to 49, Lee leads by 17 points; among voters 50+, Lee leads by 6. 75% of Republicans vote for Lee; 71% of Democrats vote for Kryzan, an environmental attorney; Independents favor Lee by 15 points. Jon Powers, endorsed by the local Democratic Party in the primary, where he finished behind Kryzan, takes 7% of Democratic votes running on the Working Families Party ballot line. Incumbent Republican Tom Reynolds, first elected in 1998, is not seeking a sixth term. Democrat Jack Davis, who ran against Davis and lost by 12 points in 2004 and by 4 points in 2006, finished third in the Democratic primary, behind Kryzan and Powers.

Filtering: SurveyUSA interviewed 900 registered voters from New York's 26th Congressional District 09/24/08 and 09/25/08, using registration-based sample from Aristotle of Washington DC. Of the registered voters, 609 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote in the November general election.

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609 Likely Voters	All	Gender		Age				<50 / 50+		Race				Party Affiliation		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepen
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-4.1%																
Chris Lee (R)	48%	52%	44%	58%	47%	45%	44%	51%	45%	47%	**	**	**	75%	12%	47%
Alice Kryzan (D)	37%	34%	39%	29%	37%	40%	37%	34%	39%	37%	**	**	**	14%	71%	32%
Jon Powers (WF)	5%	5%	5%	3%	5%	5%	8%	4%	6%	5%	**	**	**	4%	7%	5%
Anthony Fumerelle (IP)	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	**	**	**	1%	2%	8%
Undecided	7%	6%	8%	8%	6%	7%	8%	7%	8%	8%	**	**	**	6%	7%	8%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	47%	53%	16%	28%	31%	25%	44%	56%	92%	4%	1%	3%	46%	34%	18%

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Alice Kryzan (D)	37%	11%	43%	71%	31%	41%	47%	20%	54%	38%	37%
Jon Powers (WF)	5%	4%	5%	7%	5%	6%	6%	4%	6%	6%	5%
Anthony Fumerelle (IP)	3%	1%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	1%	4%	4%	2%
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Composition of Likely Voters	100%	33%	36%	18%	53%	26%	22%	47%	50%	32%	67%

* Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

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Statement of Methodology: The following statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls: How this poll was conducted: This SurveyUSA poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. Within the report, you will find: the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted and the news organization(s) that paid for the research. The number of respondents who answered each question and the margin of sampling error for each question are provided. Where necessary, responses were weighted according to age, gender, ethnic origin, geographical area and number of adults and number of voice telephone lines in the household, so that the sample would reflect the actual demographic proportions in the population, using most recent U.S. Census estimates. In theory, with the stated sample size, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than theoretical calculations of sampling error. These include refusals to be interviewed, question wording and question order, weighting by demographic control data and the manner in which respondents are filtered (such as, determining who is a likely voter). It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these factors. Fieldwork for this survey was done by SurveyUSA of Verona, NJ.