



SIENA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

SIENA COLLEGE, LOUDONVILLE, NY

www.siena.edu/sri

For Immediate Release:
 Contact:
 PDF version; crosstabs; website:

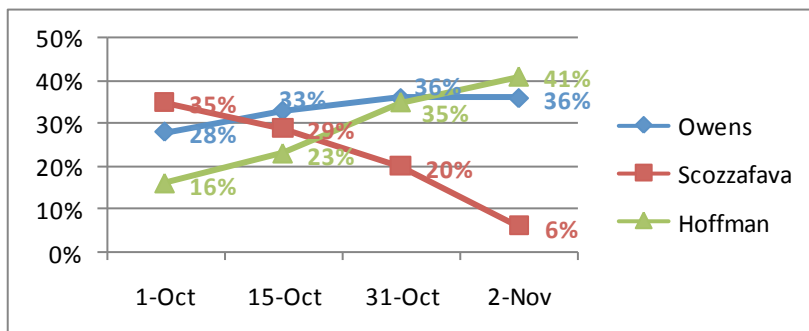
Monday, November 2, 2009
 Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858
www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY

Siena New York 23rd Congressional District Poll: **Hoffman Leads Owens 41-36%; Undecided up to 18%**

Hoffman Leads in South; Owens Leads in East; Tied in West
Favorability Ratings: Hoffman Up; Owens Slips; Biden Good with Dems

Loudonville, NY. On the eve of Election Day, Conservative Doug Hoffman has opened up a five point lead over Democrat Bill Owens in the race for the 23rd Congressional District. Republican Assembly member Dede Scozzafava still gets six percent support, but since her decision to suspend her campaign and support Owens, the number of undecided voters has doubled from nine percent to 18 percent, according to a new Siena (College) Research Institute poll of likely voters.

”Hoffman continues to demonstrate momentum, picking up six points since Scozzafava pulled out,” said Siena pollster Steven Greenberg. “It appears, however, that the majority of Scozzafava’s supporters have gone to neither Hoffman nor Owens,



but rather into the undecided column, which has doubled since Scozzafava ended her candidacy.”

If the special election were held today, who would you vote for?												
	Hoffman				Owens				Scozzafava			
	11/2	10/31	10/15	10/1	11/2	10/31	10/15	10/1	11/2	10/31	10/15	10/1
23rd CD	41%	35%	23%	16%	36%	36%	33%	28%	6%	20%	29%	35%
Democrats	15%	14%	10%	6%	62%	66%	55%	48%	6%	11%	17%	26%
Republicans	63%	50%	27%	22%	14%	13%	19%	16%	9%	29%	40%	47%
Independents	37%	40%	31%	20%	43%	35%	28%	23%	2%	15%	24%	26%
Clinton/Essex/Franklin/ Fulton/Hamilton	34%	33%	21%	18%	45%	46%	45%	32%	5%	13%	20%	31%
Jefferson/Lewis/ St. Lawrence	36%	28%	13%	10%	36%	30%	25%	23%	9%	34%	44%	53%
Madison/Oneida/ Oswego	51%	44%	34%	20%	28%	33%	31%	30%	4%	12%	21%	20%

“Hoffman has increased his lead among Republicans, while Owens maintains his lead among Democrats and has now taken the lead with independent voters,” Greenberg said. “Owens kept his lead in the northeastern

counties steady, while Hoffman extended his lead in the southern counties, and the two are dead even in the northwestern counties, the area in which Scozzafava previously led.”

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of ...												
	Favorable				Unfavorable				DK/NO			
	11/2	10/31	10/15	10/1	11/2	10/31	10/15	10/1	11/2	10/31	10/15	10/1
Doug Hoffman	47%	41%	23%	16%	33%	37%	15%	13%	20%	22%	63%	71%
Bill Owens	37%	40%	32%	23%	38%	36%	22%	12%	25%	24%	47%	64%
Dede Scozzafava	27%	29%	37%	33%	48%	51%	32%	20%	25%	20%	31%	47%
Joe Biden	41%	NA	NA	NA	37%	NA	NA	NA	22%	NA	NA	NA
Barack Obama	NA	59%	56%	55%	NA	37%	40%	38%	NA	4%	4%	6%

“Hoffman’s favorability rating shot up from a net positive four points to a now net positive 14 points – 47-33 percent,” Greenberg said. “Owens’ favorability dropped slightly from a net positive four points to a net negative one point.

“Vice President Joe Biden comes to the 23rd CD today with a 41-37 percent favorability rating, although he is strong, 64-18 percent, with Democrats,” Greenberg said.

“With nearly one in five voters undecided the day before Election Day and voters still trying to comprehend the dramatic withdrawal of Scozzafava, and her subsequent endorsement of Owens, this is still a wide open race,” Greenberg said. “The two candidates and campaigns are both in a sprint to try and convince these undecided voters to support them. Which ever campaign succeeds in convincing the undecided voters and then getting them to the polls tomorrow, will likely be looking at a victory tomorrow night.”

###

This SRI 23rd C.D. survey was conducted November 1, 2009 by telephone calls to 606 likely voters. It has a margin of error of ± 4.0 percentage points. Data was statistically adjusted by age, gender, party and geography to ensure representativeness. Sampling was conducted via random digit dialing weighted to reflect known population patterns. For more information, please call Steven Greenberg at 518-469-9858. Survey cross-tabulations and frequencies can be found at: www.Siena.edu/SRI/SNY.