

TO: Interested Parties  
FROM: Global Strategy Group  
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RE: NEW POLL RESULTS – Tom Suozzi well-positioned to succeed Israel in New York’s 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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Democrats are poised to hold New York’s 3<sup>rd</sup> District in the general election this fall, with Tom Suozzi maintaining a sizable 16-point lead against New York State Senator Jack Martins (52% Suozzi/36% Martins) in the race to replace Democratic Congressman Steve Israel. Voters have positive opinions of Tom Suozzi, and there is a very favorable dynamic at the top of the ticket – with Hillary Clinton running double-digits ahead of a deeply unpopular Donald Trump. Key findings from Global Strategy Group’s recent poll of 401 likely November 2016 voters are as follows:

#### KEY SURVEY FINDINGS:

- **New York’s partisan environment is favorable for Democrats this cycle:** Voters lean Democratic on party self-identification (34% D/37% I/28% R) and prefer an unnamed Democratic candidate for this seat over a Republican by 12 points (48% D/36% R) on a generic ballot test.
- **Trump’s presence is reverberating down-ballot:** Hillary Clinton runs away with the presidential race over Trump (51% to 35%), and Trump is widely and intensely disliked (29% favorable/67% unfavorable, with 53% very unfavorable). Martins’ support for Trump is more than twice as likely to turn voters off supporting the State Senator than to attract voters (39% say it makes them less likely to vote Martins/18% more likely), and this contributes to Suozzi’s lead and gives him room to grow further.
- **Suozzi earns high ratings from NY-03 voters:** Suozzi maintains high name recognition with voters across party lines in NY-03 (70% familiar) and is viewed favorably by the electorate (44% favorable/26% unfavorable). Meanwhile, Martins is little-known outside of his North Hempstead base (22% familiar overall).
- **Suozzi currently holds a 16-point lead over Martins (52% Suozzi/36% Martins) with 9% undecided.**

**The bottom line is this:** Tom Suozzi is in a solid position to become the next representative for New York’s 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

#### ABOUT THIS POLL

Global Strategy Group conducted a district-wide survey of 401 likely November 2016 voters in New York’s 3<sup>rd</sup> District between August 8-11, 2016. The results of this survey have a margin of error of +/-4.9%. Care has been taken to ensure the geographic and demographic divisions of the expected electorate are properly represented based on historical turnout.