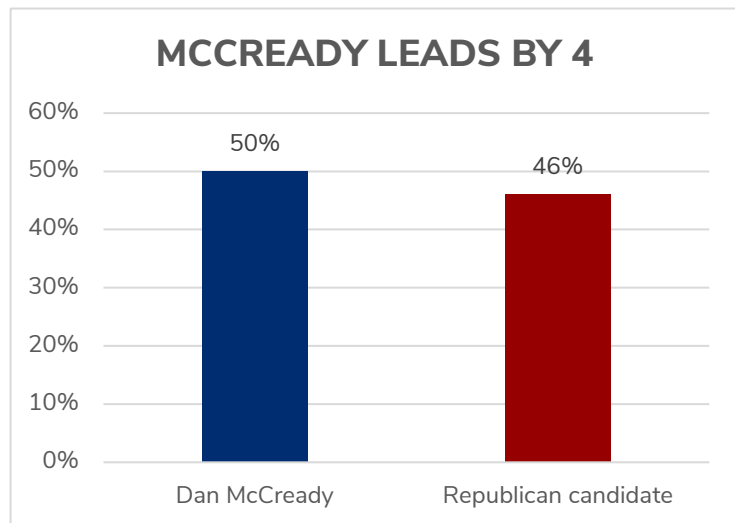


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## DAN MCCREADY STARTS OFF IN A STRONG POSITION HEADING INTO SPECIAL ELECTION

Following the North Carolina state board of elections' unanimous decision to call for a new election in North Carolina's 9<sup>th</sup> district, Democrat Dan McCready is in a strong position to defeat a Republican candidate. McCready leads a generic Republican by 4 points (50% to 46%) in a DCCC survey of likely special election voters conducted in North Carolina's 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.



Despite months of coverage defined by an issue that can drive voters into partisan corners, voters in this Republican leaning district continue to hold positive views of McCready, with 45% having a favorable view and 32% having an unfavorable view.

## VOTERS HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT ELECTION FRAUD IN THE DISTRICT, THINK REPUBLICANS ARE TO BLAME

Unfortunately for Republicans, two-thirds of voters have heard a lot about the election fraud in the district, and more than 9 in 10 have heard at least something about it. Additionally, Republicans get most of the blame, with more than 6 in 10 voters, and nearly 7 in 10 unaffiliated or third party voters, blaming either Mark Harris, Harris's campaign consultant McCrae Dowless, or Republicans in North Carolina for the election fraud.

Last week, the board of elections ordered a new election in North Carolina's 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, where Republican Mark Harris's narrow 905-vote lead over Democrat Dan McCready in the 2018 election was invalidated due to illegal absentee ballot fraud.

The results are based on a survey of 518 likely special election voters in NC-09 conducted by the DCCC fielded February 24-25, 2019. Respondents' information came from the voter file



and this poll was conducted through a standard blend of live cell phone and automated calls. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%.