2nd Legislative District debate to be held at Stockton Oct. 25

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GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — Stockton University will host a live debate Oct. 25 among candidates for the 2nd Legislative District seats in the state Senate and Assembly.

The debate is co-sponsored by The Press of Atlantic City and the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy and will begin at 6 p.m. at Stockton’s Campus Center Theatre.

A one-hour debate will start at 6 p.m. between Senate candidates Chris Brown, a Republican, and Colin Bell, a Democrat.

After a half-hour break, a one-hour debate will start at 7:30 p.m. with Assembly candidates incumbent Vince Mazzeo and John Armato, both Democrats, and Vince Sera and Brenda Taube, both Republicans.

The 2nd District covers most of Atlantic County.

“We’re pleased to be working with Stockton on this debate. Our goal is to help voters get the answers they need to make this all-important decision,” said Press Managing Editor W.F. “Buzz” Keough.

John Froonjian, of the Hughes Center, will moderate the debates. Press reporter Nicholas Huba will serve as a panelist with a Stockton faculty member, posing questions to the candidates.

“The 2nd Legislative District is one of the most competitive in New Jersey. Debates like these allow the public to learn first-hand about the candidates’ positions,” said Sharon Schulman, executive director of the Hughes Center.

The debates are open to the public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and attendees should be seated by 5:50 p.m. The Press will live-stream both debates at PressofAC.com.

Members of the public can submit debate questions through Oct. 17 via email to hughescenter@stockton.edu or wkeough@pressofac.com with the subject line “2nd District debate question.”