

Second District Assembly Candidates to Debate in Atlantic City on Oct. 13

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Galloway , NJ - Assembly candidates for Legislative District 2, one of the most-watched races in New Jersey this fall, will debate the issues on **Tuesday, Oct. 13** at Dante Hall Theater, 10 N. Mississippi Ave. in Atlantic City, NJ.

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy of Stockton University is sponsoring the debate with incumbent Republican Assemblyman Chris Brown and his running-mate, Will Pauls, versus incumbent Democratic Assemblyman Vince Mazzeo and his running-mate, Colin Bell.

Brown, an attorney, has served in the Assembly since 2012. He holds a law degree from Widener University and a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University. He served in the Army during the Gulf War and has worked as prosecutor for Egg Harbor Township, solicitor for City Council in Atlantic City and for the Atlantic City Board of Education, and assistant solicitor for Egg Harbor Township.

Mazzeo, a former mayor and councilman in Northfield, NJ, owns B.F. Mazzeo, a specialty produce and grocery store. He has served in the Assembly since 2014 after winning a recount by 39 votes against Republican John Amodeo, who formerly held the seat. He holds a bachelor's degree from Glassboro State College, now Rowan University.

Pauls, an Atlantic County freeholder, is president of the South Jersey Building Trades Council. He served as business manager and financial secretary for the Ironworkers Local 350 of Atlantic City for over 16 years, and is a member of the executive board of the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council of Atlantic City.

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Bell, an Atlantic County freeholder, is an attorney with Hankin Sandman Palladino & Weintrob, which has offices in Atlantic and Cape May counties. He holds bachelor's and law degrees from American University.

The debate begins at 6 p.m. and the doors will open to the public at 5:30 p.m. Parking is available at the Wave Garage at the corner of Fairmount and Mississippi avenues, in addition to any available street parking.

The format includes a two-minute opening statement by each candidate, followed by questions directed alternately to candidates. The candidate will have two minutes to respond and any candidate wishing to rebut will have one minute to do so. The debate will end with one-minute closing statements from each candidate. Daniel J. Douglas, director of the Hughes Center, will serve as moderator.

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