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Galloway, N.J. – The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University will sponsor an online debate among Democratic primary House candidates in the 2nd Congressional District at 6 p.m. June 25.

Candidates Will Cunningham, Brigid Harrison and Amy Kennedy will debate for one hour. The debate will be held on Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube. Links to view the debate will be available the day of the debate on the Hughes Center website at stockton.edu/hughes-center. (<https://stockton.edu/hughes-center/index.html>)

John Froomjian, executive director of the Hughes Center, will moderate the event.

“This debate will give voters in South Jersey the chance to evaluate the Democratic candidates in one of the most closely watched House races in the nation,” Froomjian said.

The standard for inclusion in the debate was that candidates had raised and spent the minimum amount required for them to file a first-quarter campaign finance report with Federal Election Commission. Candidates John Francis and Robert Turkavage did not file FEC reports.

New Jersey’s primary election is July 7. The winner of that primary is expected to face Rep. Jeff Van Drew, an incumbent and former Democrat who switched to the Republican Party in December. Van Drew has a Republican primary opponent, Bob Patterson.

Hughes Center staff will determine the questions posed in the debate. Members of the public may suggest questions by emailing them to hughescenter@stockton.edu (<mailto:hughescenter@stockton.edu>) by midnight Sunday, June 21, using the word “Debate” in the subject line. Questions will not be accepted or posed by the public during the forum.

About the Hughes Center

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy (www.stockton.edu/hughescenter (<http://www.stockton.edu/hughescenter>)) at Stockton University serves as a catalyst for research, analysis and innovative policy solutions on the economic, social and cultural issues facing New Jersey, and promotes the civic life of New Jersey through engagement, education and research. The center is named for the late William J. Hughes, whose distinguished career includes service in the U.S. House of Representatives, Ambassador to Panama and as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Stockton. The Hughes Center can be found on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUZ2StL36unDd0jyfOaFkNg) (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUZ2StL36unDd0jyfOaFkNg>), and can be followed on Facebook [@StocktonHughesCenter](https://www.facebook.com/StocktonHughesCenter) (<https://www.facebook.com/StocktonHughesCenter>), Twitter [@hughescenter](https://twitter.com/HughesCenter) (<https://twitter.com/HughesCenter>) and Instagram [@stockton_hughes_center](https://www.instagram.com/stockton_hughes_center/) (https://www.instagram.com/stockton_hughes_center/).

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