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Close race in Florida's 26th Congressional District

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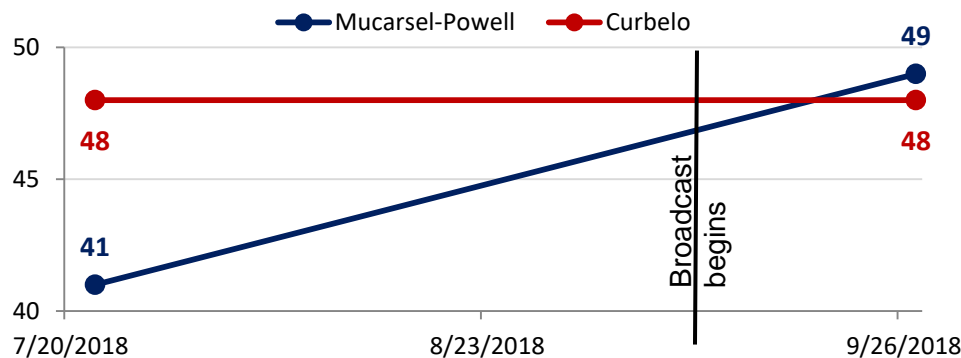
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A recent survey of likely voters in Florida's 26th Congressional District¹ finds Debbie Mucarsel-Powell in a statistical tie with Carlos Curbelo (49 percent Mucarsel-Powell – 48 percent Curbelo).

The political environment is favorable towards a Democrat in this district that Clinton won by 16 percentage points. More than half (53 percent) of voters feel the country has gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track, and 57 percent have an unfavorable view of President Trump.

As this poll and other polls recently released² show, support for Debbie Mucarsel-Powell has grown from the mid-summer.

▪ Figure 1: Congressional vote



¹ GQR conducted a live telephone survey among 500 likely general election voters in Florida's 26th Congressional District. The survey was conducted from September 23-27, 2018. The margin of error on a sample of this size is ± 4.9 percent at the 95 percent confidence interval. Forty one percent of the interviews were conducted on cell phones. Sample composition for party registration was 38% Democrat, 36% Republican, 25% No Party Affiliation.

² Public Policy Polling released a poll among 511 likely general election voters in Florida's 26th Congressional District conducted September 17 to 19th, showing 46% Debbie Mucarsel-Powell - 45% Carlos Curbelo – 11% undecided.

Just under half (49 percent) of voters recognize Mucarsel-Powell, up from 22 percent in July. Among those who know her, she is seen much more favorably (32 percent favorable – 18 percent unfavorable). Voters like Mucarsel-Powell as they get to know her, and support for her grows. As voters learn more about Carlos Curbelo they become more unfavorable towards him (29 percent unfavorable in July, 40 percent in September). With room to continue introducing herself to voters and her growing level of support, Mucarsel-Powell is in an excellent position to win this race.

▪ **Figure 2: Candidate favorability**

