

SORTING OUT DISTRICT 2'S CROWDED FIELD OF CONTENDERS

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largest in the state but also one of the least dense, with more than 80 percent of its land used for agriculture.

The 2010 census shows that the population of the state is 17.5 million, and its land

"I want to be a Congressman for every resident of South Jersey, no matter what party," he says. "We need to resolve our petty differences and work together. Moderation for the good of our nation and our children is a virtue. It seems obvious to most of us, but unfortunately, extreme elements on both ends of the political spectrum are preventing that in Washington. I have never known any other way to get anything done. We can do better, and we must do better."

Progressive problems

Van Drew's positions on gun control and gun rights have riled many Democrats. Youngblood told the [Ocean City Sentinel](#) that Van Drew's record "speaks for itself."

"You have a man who's taken money from the NRA, you've had a man who was one of two Democratic senators who voted against marriage equality in the state Legislature," she said.

Van Drew received \$500 from the National Shooting Sports Foundation in Newton in 2007, but has not received anything since, according to state Election Law Enforcement Commission data.

Youngblood, who lives in Gloucester County, told the Ocean City Sentinel that she is "about equality ... about fairness and ... about equity," which makes her an unabashed progressive.

"The progressives said 'we like her. Your platform and our platform are the same.'" she said.

"They claimed me. If that's what being a progressive is, then I'm claiming that title."

Kleinman, a farmer turned candidate, released a video in May criticizing Van Drew's votes against same-sex marriage, a minimum-wage hike, and for capital punishment. And he calls on Van Drew to denounce President Donald Trump, whom Kleinman calls an "ignorant, bigoted, un-American excuse for a president."

Trump remains unpopular in the state, but he did win the second district by 5 percentage points over Hillary Clinton. LoBiondo won by 22 points in 2016 and by 24 points in 2014.

The Republican roundup

Three of the Republicans on the ballot promised to support Trump in Congress; the fourth, Robert

