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Boxer Narrowly Leads All Republicans for Re-election

Raleigh, N.C. – Barbara Boxer, California’s junior senator, leads all three of her potential Republican opponents by single digits a little over five months before the November election.

Boxer is ahead of leading Republican candidate Carly Fiorina by the slimmest margin of the three GOP contenders, 45-42. She leads Tom Campbell 47-40 and Chuck DeVore 46-40. Boxer wins 78-82% of her party’s vote, with the Republicans getting 82-87% of theirs, but she loses among independents by seven (DeVore and Campbell) or eleven points (Fiorina). Fiorina gets closest among women, losing with 40% to Boxer’s 46%.

Voters overall are down on Boxer’s challengers, though about half to three-quarters of voters have no opinion on each. Fiorina draws a 22-30 favorability margin, DeVore a 10-14, and Campbell a 15-18. The moderate Campbell is the only one who gets positive views from independents, while Fiorina is seen by far the worst by Democrats, despite faring slightly better against Boxer with that party’s voters than the other two do.

Like many incumbents up for re-election, Boxer’s job approval rating is in negative territory. It currently stands at 37-46, compared to the 41-41 mark for her senior colleague Dianne Feinstein, who is generally considered more moderate. Naturally, Boxer does worse with Republicans, at 4-89 to Feinstein’s 11-79.

A near majority of California voters approve of President Barack Obama’s job performance, 49-42, with opinion on the health care law much more positive than in many states, 45% in favor and 42% opposed.

“It definitely looks like this will be Barbara Boxer’s toughest fight for reelection to date,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “Once again though she is helped by the fact that even if she’s not too popular, her opposition isn’t either.”

PPP surveyed 921 registered California voters from May 21st to 23rd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.2%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



California Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 49%
Disapprove..... 42%
Not Sure..... 9%

Q2 Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?

Support 45%
Oppose 42%
No Opinion..... 13%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Dianne Feinstein's job performance?

Approve 41%
Disapprove..... 41%
Not Sure..... 18%

Q4 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Barbara Boxer's job performance?

Approve 37%
Disapprove..... 46%
Not Sure..... 17%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Tom Campbell?

Favorable..... 15%
Unfavorable 18%
Not Sure..... 66%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chuck DeVore?

Favorable 10% *Not Sure*..... 76%
Unfavorable..... 14%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Carly Fiorina?

Favorable 22% *Not Sure*..... 48%
Unfavorable..... 30%

Q8 If the candidates for U.S. Senate were Republican Tom Campbell and Democrat Barbara Boxer, who would you vote for?

Tom Campbell 40%
Barbara Boxer..... 47%
Undecided..... 12%

Q9 If the candidates for U.S. Senate were Republican Chuck DeVore and Democrat Barbara Boxer, who would you vote for?

Chuck DeVore 40%
Barbara Boxer..... 46%
Undecided..... 13%

Q10 If the candidates for U.S. Senate were Republican Carly Fiorina and Democrat Barbara Boxer, who would you vote for?

Carly Fiorina 42%
Barbara Boxer..... 45%
Undecided..... 13%

Q11 Who did you vote for President last year?

John McCain..... 36%
Barack Obama..... 56%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 8%





Q12 If you are a liberal, press 1. If a moderate, press 2. If a conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 23%
Moderate..... 43%
Conservative..... 34%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman 52%
Man..... 48%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 46%
Republican..... 33%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q15 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African American, press 3. If Asian, press 4. If other, press 5.

Hispanic..... 20%
White 61%
African American 8%
Asian..... 6%
Other..... 5%

Q16 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 12%
30 to 45..... 26%
46 to 65..... 41%
Older than 65..... 21%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	7%	78%	34%
Disapprove	42%	87%	11%	52%
Not Sure	9%	5%	10%	14%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	45%	6%	75%	18%
Oppose	42%	91%	9%	50%
No Opinion	13%	3%	16%	32%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Feinstein Approval				
Approve	41%	13%	63%	19%
Disapprove	41%	80%	15%	52%
Not Sure	18%	7%	23%	29%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Boxer Approval				
Approve	37%	6%	61%	11%
Disapprove	46%	90%	16%	60%
Not Sure	17%	4%	23%	30%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Campbell Favorability				
Favorable	15%	27%	8%	18%
Unfavorable	18%	18%	18%	20%
Not Sure	66%	55%	75%	62%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
DeVore Favorability				
Favorable	10%	21%	3%	4%
Unfavorable	14%	10%	16%	17%
Not Sure	76%	68%	81%	79%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Fiorina Favorability				
Favorable	22%	49%	4%	26%
Unfavorable	30%	14%	42%	24%
Not Sure	48%	38%	54%	50%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Campbell/Boxer				
Tom Campbell	40%	85%	10%	51%
Barbara Boxer	47%	6%	79%	16%
Undecided	12%	10%	11%	33%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
De Vore/Boxer				
Chuck DeVore	40%	88%	9%	47%
Barbara Boxer	46%	3%	78%	15%
Undecided	13%	8%	13%	37%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Fiorina/Boxer				
Carly Fiorina	42%	88%	10%	58%
Barbara Boxer	45%	4%	76%	15%
Undecided	13%	8%	14%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	85%	58%	14%
Disapprove	42%	9%	33%	75%
Not Sure	9%	7%	8%	11%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	45%	79%	52%	14%
Oppose	42%	9%	32%	77%
No Opinion	13%	12%	16%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Feinstein Approval				
Approve	41%	76%	45%	14%
Disapprove	41%	8%	34%	72%
Not Sure	18%	16%	21%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Boxer Approval				
Approve	37%	82%	36%	9%
Disapprove	46%	5%	42%	78%
Not Sure	17%	12%	23%	13%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Campbell Favorability				
Favorable	15%	5%	15%	23%
Unfavorable	18%	25%	16%	17%
Not Sure	66%	70%	69%	61%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
DeVore Favorability				
Favorable	10%	6%	5%	19%
Unfavorable	14%	19%	16%	8%
Not Sure	76%	75%	79%	73%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Fiorina Favorability				
Favorable	22%	6%	18%	37%
Unfavorable	30%	52%	32%	14%
Not Sure	48%	42%	50%	49%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Campbell/Boxer				
Tom Campbell	40%	6%	36%	68%
Barbara Boxer	47%	91%	50%	16%
Undecided	12%	3%	14%	17%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
DeVore/Boxer				
Chuck DeVore	40%	6%	35%	70%
Barbara Boxer	46%	87%	50%	15%
Undecided	13%	7%	15%	15%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Fiorina/Boxer				
Carly Fiorina	42%	6%	35%	74%
Barbara Boxer	45%	88%	49%	13%
Undecided	13%	6%	16%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	49%	48%	50%
Disapprove	42%	41%	43%
Not Sure	9%	10%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Health Care Plan			
Support	45%	46%	44%
Oppose	42%	39%	45%
No Opinion	13%	15%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Feinstein Approval			
Approve	41%	42%	40%
Disapprove	41%	37%	46%
Not Sure	18%	21%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Boxer Approval			
Approve	37%	37%	37%
Disapprove	46%	43%	49%
Not Sure	17%	20%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Campbell Favorability			
Favorable	15%	12%	19%
Unfavorable	18%	16%	20%
Not Sure	66%	71%	61%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
DeVore Favorability			
Favorable	10%	11%	9%
Unfavorable	14%	8%	21%
Not Sure	76%	81%	71%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Fiorina Favorability			
Favorable	22%	21%	22%
Unfavorable	30%	28%	34%
Not Sure	48%	51%	44%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Campbell/Boxer			
Tom Campbell	40%	38%	42%
Barbara Boxer	47%	49%	46%
Undecided	12%	13%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
DeVore/Boxer			
Chuck DeVore	40%	37%	44%
Barbara Boxer	46%	49%	44%
Undecided	13%	14%	13%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Fiorina/Boxer			
Carly Fiorina	42%	40%	44%
Barbara Boxer	45%	46%	44%
Undecided	13%	14%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	49%	76%	12%	48%
Disapprove	42%	14%	83%	39%
Not Sure	9%	9%	6%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Health Care Plan				
Support	45%	74%	9%	39%
Oppose	42%	11%	86%	43%
No Opinion	13%	16%	5%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Feinstein Approval				
Approve	41%	71%	11%	24%
Disapprove	41%	12%	79%	48%
Not Sure	18%	18%	10%	29%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Boxer Approval				
Approve	37%	67%	4%	24%
Disapprove	46%	13%	89%	50%
Not Sure	17%	20%	8%	26%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Campbell Favorability				
Favorable	15%	7%	28%	16%
Unfavorable	18%	21%	19%	10%
Not Sure	66%	72%	53%	75%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
DeVore Favorability				
Favorable	10%	3%	20%	9%
Unfavorable	14%	18%	12%	10%
Not Sure	76%	79%	68%	81%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Fiorina Favorability				
Favorable	22%	6%	48%	15%
Unfavorable	30%	43%	18%	23%
Not Sure	48%	52%	33%	62%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Campbell/Boxer				
Tom Campbell	40%	9%	82%	43%
Barbara Boxer	47%	82%	7%	36%
Undecided	12%	10%	11%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
DeVore/Boxer				
Chuck DeVore	40%	8%	86%	42%
Barbara Boxer	46%	80%	6%	35%
Undecided	13%	12%	8%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Fiorina/Boxer				
Carly Fiorina	42%	10%	87%	42%
Barbara Boxer	45%	78%	7%	32%
Undecided	13%	12%	6%	26%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Other
Obama Approval						
Approve	49%	57%	44%	67%	45%	52%
Disapprove	42%	32%	51%	11%	27%	43%
Not Sure	9%	11%	5%	22%	27%	4%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Other
Obama Health Care Plan						
Support	45%	48%	43%	61%	45%	43%
Oppose	42%	27%	51%	17%	27%	50%
No Opinion	13%	25%	6%	22%	27%	7%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Other
Feinstein Approval						
Approve	41%	48%	38%	56%	36%	39%
Disapprove	41%	27%	48%	28%	27%	46%
Not Sure	18%	25%	14%	17%	36%	15%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Other
Boxer Approval						
Approve	37%	43%	34%	56%	27%	28%
Disapprove	46%	30%	54%	22%	36%	59%
Not Sure	17%	27%	11%	22%	36%	13%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Other
Campbell Favorability						
Favorable	15%	2%	21%	11%	9%	17%
Unfavorable	18%	26%	19%	6%	-	20%
Not Sure	66%	72%	60%	83%	91%	63%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Other
DeVore Favorability						
Favorable	10%	5%	10%	11%	18%	13%
Unfavorable	14%	23%	14%	-	-	15%
Not Sure	76%	73%	75%	89%	82%	72%

	Base	Race				
		Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Other
Fiorina Favorability						
Favorable	22%	12%	27%	17%	9%	24%
Unfavorable	30%	28%	35%	22%	-	30%
Not Sure	48%	60%	38%	61%	91%	46%

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		Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Other
Campbell/Boxer						
Tom Campbell	40%	20%	50%	17%	27%	50%
Barbara Boxer	47%	57%	41%	67%	64%	35%
Undecided	12%	23%	9%	17%	9%	15%





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Chuck DeVore	40%	21%	50%	17%	27%	50%
Barbara Boxer	46%	56%	41%	61%	55%	41%
Undecided	13%	23%	9%	22%	18%	9%

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		Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Other
Fiorina/Boxer						
Carly Fiorina	42%	30%	50%	17%	27%	48%
Barbara Boxer	45%	48%	41%	67%	55%	37%
Undecided	13%	23%	8%	17%	18%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	49%	50%	50%	50%	47%
Disapprove	42%	26%	38%	46%	48%
Not Sure	9%	25%	12%	4%	5%

	Base	Age			
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Support	45%	49%	48%	46%	39%
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Approve	37%	27%	33%	45%	34%
Disapprove	46%	27%	45%	50%	50%
Not Sure	17%	46%	22%	6%	16%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Campbell Favorability					
Favorable	15%	5%	9%	21%	19%
Unfavorable	18%	14%	12%	23%	17%
Not Sure	66%	81%	79%	56%	64%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
DeVore Favorability					
Favorable	10%	5%	7%	11%	13%
Unfavorable	14%	14%	11%	16%	15%
Not Sure	76%	81%	82%	73%	72%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Fiorina Favorability					
Favorable	22%	8%	15%	25%	32%
Unfavorable	30%	19%	21%	42%	26%
Not Sure	48%	73%	63%	33%	42%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Campbell/Boxer					
Tom Campbell	40%	20%	34%	46%	49%
Barbara Boxer	48%	53%	56%	46%	36%
Undecided	12%	28%	10%	7%	15%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
DeVore/Boxer					
Chuck DeVore	40%	18%	33%	48%	47%
Barbara Boxer	46%	53%	53%	43%	40%
Undecided	13%	29%	14%	8%	13%

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Barbara Boxer	45%	44%	53%	44%	39%
Undecided	13%	31%	11%	9%	11%

