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ABOUT HALF OF FLORIDA VOTERS SUPPORT RUBIO RE-ELECTION RUN BERUFF & MURPHY TOP CURRENT PRIMARY FIELDS

Despite his decision to not seek re-election to the U.S. Senate in order to pursue the presidency, a concerted effort has formed in some circles to get Marco Rubio to reconsider. While Rubio still says he will not run, almost half (49%) of Florida voters – including 77% of Republicans – say he should.

If he decides to do so, he would clearly be the strongest candidate, as none of the current contenders appears to have caught fire with state voters. In both the Democratic and Republican primary races over 40% of voters are undecided and on the GOP side voters are splitting amongst four leading candidates and none of them has support that tops 20%.

Among likely Democratic primary voters, Patrick Murphy has separated himself slightly from Alan Grayson. Statewide, Murphy is supported by 31%, while Grayson is backed by 23%, Pam Keith draws 3% and 43% are undecided.

Among likely Republican primary voters, Carlos Beruff has a slight lead over three other closely clustered candidates. Beruff is currently supported by 17% of GOP voters. He is followed by David Jolly at 13%, then Ron DeSantis at 10% and Carlos Lopez-Cantera at 9%. Todd Wilcox is a distant fifth with just 2% and 49% are undecided.

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from May 31 through June 2, 2016. A total of 625 registered Florida voters were interviewed statewide by telephone. All indicated they were likely to vote in the November general election.

Those interviewed on land-lines were selected by the random variation of the last four digits of telephone numbers. A cross-section of exchanges was utilized in order to ensure an accurate reflection of the state. Those interviewed on cell phones were selected from a list of working cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter turnout by county.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than ± 4 percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping.

This section of the survey also includes and over-sampling of 400 likely Democratic primary voters and 400 likely primary voters. This over-sampling was only done on the questions that relate to the August Florida Senate primary. The margin for error among each primary sample is ± 5 percentage points.

QUESTION: Do you feel Marco Rubio should or should not run for re-election to his U.S. Senate seat?

	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
STATE	49%	39%	12%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
North Florida	53%	37%	10%
Central Florida	52%	34%	14%
Tampa Bay	47%	42%	11%
Southwest Florida	59%	33%	8%
Southeast Florida	41%	45%	14%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Men	53%	38%	9%
Women	46%	40%	14%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
18-34	38%	43%	19%
35-49	53%	35%	12%
50-64	47%	42%	11%
65+	54%	37%	9%

<u>RACE/ETHNICITY</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	52%	35%	13%
Black	22%	65%	13%
Hispanic	57%	37%	6%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SHOULD</u>	<u>SHOULD NOT</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	25%	62%	13%
Republican	77%	16%	7%
Independent	48%	37%	15%

***** 400 LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS *****

STATEWIDE NAME RECOGNITION

Do you recognize the name _____?

(IF YES) Do you have a favorable, unfavorable or neutral opinion of _____?

	<u>RECOGNIZE FAVORABLE</u>	<u>RECOGNIZE UNFAVORABLE</u>	<u>RECOGNIZE NEUTRAL</u>	<u>DON'T RECOGNIZE</u>
Patrick Murphy	27%	6%	32%	35%
Alan Grayson	21%	12%	31%	36%
Pam Keith	6%	3%	16%	75%

QUESTION: If the August Democratic primary for U.S. Senate were held today, which one of the following candidates would get your vote? (LIST READ, ORDER ROTATED)

Patrick Murphy	31%
Alan Grayson	23%
Pam Keith	3%
Undecided (NOT READ)	43%

***** 400 LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS *****

STATEWIDE NAME RECOGNITION

Do you recognize the name _____?

(IF YES) Do you have a favorable, unfavorable or neutral opinion of _____?

	<u>RECOGNIZE FAVORABLE</u>	<u>RECOGNIZE UNFAVORABLE</u>	<u>RECOGNIZE NEUTRAL</u>	<u>DON'T RECOGNIZE</u>
Carlos Beruff	23%	9%	25%	43%
David Jolly	18%	3%	22%	57%
Ron DeSantis	11%	2%	27%	60%
Carlos Lopez-Cantera	10%	2%	21%	67%
Todd Wilcox	6%	1%	14%	79%

QUESTION: If the August Republican primary for U.S. Senate were held today, which one of the following candidates would get your vote? (LIST READ, ORDER ROTATED)

Carlos Beruff	17%
David Jolly	13%
Ron DeSantis	10%
Carlos Lopez-Cantera	9%
Todd Wilcox	2%
Ernie Rivera	-
Howard Knepper	-
Ilya Katz	-
Undecided (NOT READ)	49%

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY REGISTRATION:

Democrat	256 (41%)
Republican	234 (37%)
Independent or Other	135 (22%)

AGE:

18-34	112 (18%)
35-49	162 (26%)
50-64	165 (26%)
65+	186 (30%)

RACE/ETHNICITY:

White/Caucasian	415 (66%)
Black/African American	77 (13%)
Hispanic or Cuban	108 (17%)
Other	21 (3%)
Refused	4 (1%)

SEX:

Male	294 (47%)
Female	331 (53%)

REGION:

North Florida	135 (22%)
Central Florida	120 (19%)
Tampa Bay	115 (18%)
Southwest Florida	75 (12%)
Southeast Florida	180 (29%)