

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Conservatives lead in St Albert-Edmonton

### **Brent Rathgeber in second**

TORONTO September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 490 voters in the newly distributed federal riding of St Albert-Edmonton, close to 4-in-10 will vote for Michael Cooper, the Conservative candidate (38%), while the incumbent, independent Brent Rathgeber, will take 3-in-10 (29%). The NDP candidate, Darlene Malayko, will take one fifth of the vote (19%), and the Liberal, Beatrice Ghettuba, one tenth (11%). Few will vote Green (4%).

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# TORONTO September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 HIGHLIGHTS:

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## Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 490 randomly selected Canadians 18 years of age or older. The poll was conducted from September 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 5%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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## Federal Vote Preference

'A federal election has been called for Monday, October 19. Which party's candidate are you most likely to vote for in this election in your riding of St Albert-Edmonton?'+'Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party are you leaning towards at this time?'

[Decided/Leaning]

## Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	468	34	38	66	113	217	223	245
Michael Cooper, Conservative	38	44	29	36	39	37	35	40
Beatrice Ghettuba, Liberal	11	5	6	16	15	10	10	11
Darlene Malayko,NDP	19	20	33	19	13	11	17	21
Andrea Oldham, Green	4	5	2	6	1	3	4	3
Brent Rathgeber, Independent	29	24	28	23	31	38	33	24
Another party	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0

### Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100-250K
Sample	468	21	50	69	68	60	109
Michael Cooper, Conservative	38	35	36	46	30	38	38
Beatrice Ghettuba, Liberal	11	5	9	9	7	19	8
Darlene Malayko,NDP	19	9	11	19	23	17	22
Andrea Oldham, Green	4	3	11	1	7	3	1
Brent Rathgeber, Independent	29	49	32	26	32	21	31
Another party	1	0	0	0	0	2	0

### Past Federal Vote

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Bloc Quebecois	Other Parties
Sample	468	285	76	45	12	3	24
Michael Cooper, Conservative	38	56	1	1	36	57	18
Beatrice Ghettuba, Liberal	11	6	31	17	0	0	5
Darlene Malayko,NDP	19	8	27	61	7	0	16
Andrea Oldham, Green	4	0	2	2	40	0	19
Brent Rathgeber, Independent	29	29	39	19	16	43	38
Another party	1	1	0	0	2	0	4

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