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Tight race in Scarborough Southwest

Blair no longer leads

TORONTO September 22nd, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among 608 voters in the federal riding of Scarborough Southwest, there is a virtual tie between the Liberal candidate, former Toronto police chief Bill Blair (35%) and the NDP incumbent, Dan Harris (32%). The Conservative candidate, Roshan Nallaratnam, is not far behind at more than a quarter (27%). This compares to mid-April, when newly announced candidate Blair had more than 4-in-10 votes (42%), while Dan Harris had slightly more than a third (and lightly more than he has now - 34%).

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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 608 randomly selected voters in Toronto, Ontario. The poll was conducted on September 19th and 20th, 2015.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 4%, 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. Each party's success at the ballot box will depend on their success at getting out the vote. 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 Scarborough Southwest?'+ 'Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party's candidate are you leaning towards at this time?'

[Decided/Leaning]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	574	24	52	102	142	254	245	329
Roshan Nallaratnam, Conservative	27	29	30	24	24	28	29	26
Bill Blair, Liberal	35	29	31	36	45	35	37	34
Dan Harris, NDP	32	36	31	36	27	31	29	35
Tommy Taylor, Green	5	5	7	3	4	5	5	4
Another party	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	574	78	105	91	58	51	83
Roshan Nallaratnam, Conservative	27	22	28	26	15	29	39
Bill Blair, Liberal	35	37	44	38	42	32	26
Dan Harris, NDP	32	35	22	32	34	36	29
Tommy Taylor, Green	5	5	6	4	7	3	4
Another party	1	1	1	0	2	0	1

Past Federal Vote

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Bloc Quebecois	Other Parties
Sample	574	172	175	134	22	6	18
Roshan Nallaratnam, Conservative	27	71	9	7	2	59	11
Bill Blair, Liberal	35	15	69	17	23	20	23
Dan Harris, NDP	32	13	19	72	8	21	49
Tommy Taylor, Green	5	1	2	4	66	0	12
Another party	1	1	1	0	1	0	5

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