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### **Roxanne James trails in Scarborough East**

#### Liberal Zahid in first place

TORONTO October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll<sup>™</sup> among 458 voters in the slightly redistricted Toronto federal riding of Scarborough Centre, more than 4-in-10 will vote for the Liberal candidate, Salma Zahid (43%), while just more than a third will support the incumbent, Conservative MP Roxanne James (36%). The NDP will take about one fifth of the vote (19%) and very few will vote Green (2%).

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#### TORONTO October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 HIGHLIGHTS:

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### Methodology

The Forum Poll<sup>™</sup> was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 458 randomly selected voters in Toronto, Ontario. The poll was conducted between October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

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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 <u>www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp</u>

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.

With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian-owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms. This Forum Poll™and other polls may be found at Forum's poll archive at www.forumresearch.com/polls.asp

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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 Centre?'+ '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	420	23	31	61	116	189	201	219
Roxanne James, Conservative	36	21	39	42	38	43	42	31
Salma Zahid, Liberal	43	47	41	40	43	43	41	45
Alex Wilson, NDP	19	32	19	14	16	12	15	22
Lindsay Thompson, Green	2	0	1	3	3	1	2	2
Another party	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0

#### Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20- \$40K	\$40- \$60К	\$60- \$80K	\$80- \$100K	\$100- \$250K
Sample	420	51	78	81	53	43	31
Roxanne James, Conservative	36	34	34	28	52	31	27
Salma Zahid, Liberal	43	39	34	59	30	47	51
Alex Wilson, NDP	19	25	30	11	18	18	18
Lindsay Thompson, Green	2	0	1	1	0	4	4
Another party	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

#### Past Federal Vote

%	Total	Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Bloc Quebecois	Other Parties
Sample	420	178	146	53	12	4	10
Roxanne James, Conservative	36	72	8	16	46	82	8
Salma Zahid, Liberal	43	18	72	41	37	18	32
Alex Wilson, NDP	19	9	18	42	7	0	55
Lindsay Thompson, Green	2	2	2	2	7	0	0
Another party	0	0	0	0	2	0	6

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