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Cheng and O'Brien Fehr Compete in Tight Race

Lily Cheng and Markus O'Brien Fehr battle for remaining votes

Toronto, Sept 16th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 144 Ward 18 voters, amongst those decided and leaning, 32% support Lily Cheng, and 31% Markus O'Brien Fehr.

Daniel Lee closely follows in third place with 25% of support.

"While it's difficult to say who will win based on these numbers, I am confident that it'll be a tight race," says Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research.

John Tory has strong support in Ward 18, leading with 51% of the vote.

The poll was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 216 randomly selected eligible voters across Willowdale. The poll was conducted on Sept 15th, 2022. Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 7%, 19 times out of 20. Subsample and regional results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample and regional results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather captures opinion at one point in time. The poll was sponsored by Forum Research Inc. as a public service. With offices across Canada and around the world, 100% Canadian owned Forum Research is one of the country's leading survey research firms.

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The key questions covered in the recent poll concerned:

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Age

Councillor in Ward 18

'Who will you vote for as councillor in Ward 18 in this municipal election on October 24th?'

[Decided / Leaning]

Gender

				Non-						
	Total	Male	Female	binary	<25	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Sample	144	55	87	2	2	4	5	13	34	86
Markus	31%	27%	34%	50%	0%	32%	28%	19%	46%	48%
O'Brien Fehr										
Lily Cheng	32%	43%	22%	50%	7%	36%	43%	34%	30%	27%
Daniel Lee	25%	7%	41%	0%	9%	32%	29%	41%	9%	17%
Other	13%	24%	3%	0%	93%	0%	0%	7%	15%	9%

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Hot Issues

'What is the most important issue to you this upcoming election?'

Gender Age Non-Total Male binar 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+ Sample 216 80 133 9 49 124 3 2 4 28 31% 23% 0% 0% 18% 59% 20% 14% 24% City 26% infrastructure , services and taxes 22% 25% 9% 14% Crime and 17% 27% 0% 0% 50% 8% gun violence Traffic, 15% 20% 0% 0% 17% 17% 14% 11% 0% 32% congestion and transit 19% The cost of 11% 9% 13% 0% 0% 0% 0% 27% 22% living and inflation 10% Inclusion 19% 1% 0% 93% 0% 8% 3% 5% 3% issues such as anti-racism, LGBTQ and disability issues 8% 3% 33% 0% 0% 8% 13% 9% 2% Pedestrian 6% and cyclist safety 3% 33% 0% 0% 5% 8% Housing 4% 3% 0% 9% affordability Climate 3% 1% 5% 0% 0% 0% 0% 5% 5% 9% action at a municipal level COVID-19 1% 2% 0% 33% 7% 0% 0% 3% 0% 2% and pandemic recovery 2% 13% 2% 0% 4% 0% 0% 0% 0% Other 0%

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Municipal Election Interest

'How likely are you to vote in the municipal election in October?'

Age Gender Non-35-44 45-54 55-64 **Total** Male Female binary 65+ Sample 216 80 133 3 2 4 9 28 49 124 Absolutely certain, 82% 92% 73% 93% 68% 100% 73% 80% 85% barring an 67% unforeseen emergency Extremely 6% 6% 7% 0% 0% 0% 0% 20% 13% 4% likely Very likely 9% 2% 16% 0% 0% 32% 0% 3% 0% 6% Somewhat 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% likely Not very 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 1% likely 0% 0% 0% 0% Not at all 1% 0% 33% 7% 0% 1% likely Don't know 2% 0% 4% 0% 0% 0% 0% 5% 6% 3%

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Mayoral Election

'Who will you vote for in the mayoral election on Oct 24th?'

Age Gender Non-25-% 45-54 34 35-44 Total Male **Female Binary** <25 65+ 80 133 28 Sample 216 3 2 4 9 49 124 John Tory 51% 54% 50% 0% 0% 50% 58% 53% 48% 65% Gil Penalosa 18% 4% 13% 8% 0% 0% 32% 8% 11% 6% Chloe-Marie 4% 0% 8% 0% 0% 0% 17% 0% 2% 1% Brown **Blake Acton** 2% 3% 1% 0% 0% 0% 0% 3% 5% 2% Other 0% 3% 7% 14% 1% 0% 100% 0% 0% 3% Don't know 23% 22% 23% 23% 0% 18% 17% 33% 37% 25%

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