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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Progressive Conservatives hold lead in the GTA similar to the rest of Ontario**

#### **Though support varies significantly throughout the GTA**

Toronto, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ on May 4<sup>th</sup> of 1541 eligible GTA voters, amongst those decided and leaning, 38% say they support the Progressive Conservatives (PCs), 31% say they support the Liberals, 25% support the New Democratic Party (NDP), 3% support the Greens, and 4% support another party.

These results are similar to the rest of Ontario, where 37% say they support the Progressive Conservatives (PCs), 29% of voters say they support the Liberals, 26% support the New Democratic Party (NDP), 4% support the Greens, and 4% support another party.

#### **Regional Differences**

In both the 416 and the 905 area, support is strongest for the PCs. In the 416, 35% of voters support the PCs, and in the 905, 38% of voters support them. The Liberals have second highest level of support, with 32% in the 416 and 30% in the 905. The NDP has 27% support in the 416 and 24% in the 905, followed by the Greens, with 3% support in both regions.

In the former City of Toronto, support is still strongest for the Liberals (37%) and NDP (37%), followed by the PCs (22%), and Greens (3%).

In the inner suburbs, the PCs have strong support from voters (41%), followed by the Liberals (30%), the NDP (22%), and the Greens (4%).

In East York, the NDP have a strong lead, with 52% of voters supporting them, followed by the Liberals (22%), the PCs (20%), and the Greens (4%).

In North York, the PCs have strong support from voters (44%), followed by the Liberals (25%), the NDP (21%), and the Greens (7%).

In Etobicoke, the PCs have strong support from voters (47%), followed by the Liberals (35%), the NDP (11%), and the Greens (3%).

In York, the PCs have strong support from voters (41%), followed by the Liberals (35%), the NDP (20%), and the Greens (3%).

In Scarborough, the PCs have strong support from voters (47%), followed by the Liberals (32%), the NDP (17%), and the Greens (<1%).

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## **More than one-third of GTA voters think Doug Ford would make the best premier**

When asked regardless of which party you would vote for, who would make the best premier, 39% of GTA voters chose Doug Ford, with 39% approval in both the 416 and the 905 regions. Andrea Horwath received the second highest level of support, with 21% of the GTA voters choosing her (21% in the 416 and 20% in the 905 regions). Steven Del Duca received the third highest level of support, with 18% of GTA voters choosing him (19% in the 416 and 18% in the 905).

## **Job approval of party leaders**

When asked whether they approve or disapprove of the job Doug Ford is doing as premier, 37% of GTA voters said they approved (37% in the 416 and 36% in the 905). When asked whether they approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath and Steven Del Duca are doing as leaders of their respective parties, 29% approve of Horwath (31% in the 416 and 29% in the 905), and 18% approve of Del Duca (21% in the 416 and 17% in the 905).

## **Seats that are expected to switch parties**

Based on these poll results, the Liberals would likely pick up nine seats in the GTA that they did not win in 2018; four of those seats from PC incumbents, and five from the NDP. Those seats are Ajax, Eglinton—Lawrence, Humber River—Black Creek, Milton, Mississauga East—Cooksville, Mississauga—Lakeshore, Oakville, St. Catharines, and Toronto—St. Paul's.

The PCs are also expected to scoop two seats in the GTA that they did not win in 2018; both from the NDP. Those are Scarborough Southwest and York South—Weston.

The poll was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1541 randomly selected eligible voters across the GTA. The poll was conducted on May 4th<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3 %, 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](http://www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp).

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**Q1. Which party are you most likely to vote for, or have you already voted for, in the provincial election on June 2nd?**

**And**

**1b. Even though you may not have made up your mind, which party are you leaning towards at this time?**

%	Ontario-wide Total	GTA Total	The 416	The 905
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>890</b>
Progressive Conservative	37	38	35	38
Liberal	29	31	32	30
New Democratic	26	25	27	24
Green	4	3	3	3
Other Parties	4	4	3	4

%	GTA Total	Former City of Toronto	Inner Suburbs	East York	North York	Etobicoke	York	Scarborough
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>77</b>
Progressive Conservative	38	22	41	20	44	47	41	47
Liberal	31	37	30	22	25	35	35	32
New Democratic	25	37	22	52	21	11	20	17
Green	3	3	4	4	7	3	3	<1
Another Party	4	2	3	3	3	5	1	4

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**Q6. Regardless of which party you would vote for, who do you think would make the best Premier of Ontario?**

%	GTA Total	GTA 416	GTA 905
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>971</b>
Steven Del Duca	18	19	18
Doug Ford	39	39	39
Andrea Horwath	21	21	20
none of these	13	14	12
don't know	10	7	10

**Q3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Doug Ford is doing as premier?**

%	GTA Total	GTA 416	GTA 905
<b>Sample</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>971</b>
Approve	37	37	36
Disapprove	52	53	52
Don't know	11	10	11

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**Q4. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Steven Del Duca is doing as leader of the Liberal Party of Ontario?**

%	GTA Total	GTA 416	GTA 905
Sample	<b>1541</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>971</b>
Approve	18	21	17
Disapprove	48	43	49
Don't know	35	37	34

**Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Andrea Horwath is doing as leader of the Ontario NDP?**

%	GTA Total	GTA 416	GTA 905
Sample	<b>570</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>175</b>
Approve	31	29	40
Disapprove	48	49	43
Don't know	22	22	18

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## Projected Seats to Switch

	2018-Winner	2022-Projection
Ajax	Conservative	Liberal
Eglinton—Lawrence	Conservative	Liberal
Humber River—Black Creek	New Democratic	Liberal
Milton	Conservative	Liberal
Mississauga East—Cooksville	Conservative	Liberal
Mississauga—Lakeshore	Conservative	Liberal
Oakville	Conservative	Liberal
St. Catharines	New Democratic	Liberal
Scarborough Southwest	New Democratic	Conservative
Toronto—St. Paul's	New Democratic	Liberal
York South—Weston	New Democratic	Conservative

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