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Torontonians split on Tory resignation

45% do not think Mayor Tory should resign

Toronto, Feb 14th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 1042 Toronto residents, 45% do not think that John Tory should be resigning as mayor of Toronto, 43% do think he should be resigning, and 11% don't know.

In the wake of Tory's confirmation of an inappropriate relationship with a staff member, respondents under 25 were most likely (54%) to think the mayor should resign, while male respondents were more likely (45%) to think so than female respondents (41%). Three in five (63%) of those who voted for Tory in the October 2022 municipal election do not think he should resign, compared to 22% of those who voted for others and 37% of those who did not vote.

"Support for Mayor Tory remains significant," said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President of Forum Research. "It's possible that Torontonians are open to Tory continuing in his role."

Opinions on Tory's potential resignation differ by political preference. Among those who would vote Progressive Conservative if a provincial election were held today, 51% think Tory should not be resigning, compared to 60% of those who would vote Liberal, 29% of those who would vote NDP, 38% of those who would vote Green and 20% of those who would vote for other parties.

If a by-election was held for mayor, among those decided and leaning 26% said they would vote for Mike Layton, 17% for Gil Penalosa, 13% for Chloe-Marie Brown, 11% each for Ana Bailao or Brad Bradford, and 23% for some other candidate.

The poll was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1042 randomly selected Ontario residents over the age of 18. The poll was conducted on February 13th, 2023. 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.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather captures opinion at one point in time. The poll was conducted for the Toronto Star by Forum Research Inc. With offices across Canada and around

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The key questions covered in the recent poll included:

Do you think John Tory should be resigning as mayor of Toronto?

Gender/Age

%	Total	Male	Female	Non-binary or Other	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Sample	1042	478	521	43	127	194	225	196	139	161
Yes	43%	45%	41%	51%	54%	48%	43%	45%	35%	34%
No	45%	45%	47%	33%	30%	45%	44%	44%	50%	57%
Don't know	11%	10%	12%	16%	16%	8%	12%	11%	16%	9%

Voting Intention – Provincial

[Decided/Leaning]

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	1042	314	280	263	66	44
Yes	43%	41%	29%	59%	45%	71%
No	45%	51%	60%	29%	38%	20%
Don't know	11%	8%	11%	12%	18%	9%

Vote in October 2022 Municipal Election

%	Total	Voted for John Tory	Voted for Other Candidates	Did not vote
Sample	1042	519	274	178
Yes	43%	28%	68%	45%
No	45%	63%	22%	37%
Don't know	11%	9%	10%	18%

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Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K	\$250K+
Sample	1042	104	104	121	110	96	254	63
Yes	43%	43%	32%	40%	59%	45%	44%	44%
No	45%	37%	50%	45%	37%	45%	47%	54%
Don't know	11%	20%	18%	15%	4%	10%	9%	2%

If there was a by-election for mayor, who would you vote for?

Gender/Age

%	Total	Male	Female	Non-binary or Other	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Sample	707	329	346	32	83	143	154	124	90	114
Mike Layton	26%	23%	29%	16%	9%	18%	31%	30%	30%	33%
Ana Bailao	11%	10%	11%	22%	16%	10%	10%	11%	9%	11%
Gil Penalosa	17%	16%	18%	3%	11%	19%	16%	20%	16%	17%
Chloe-Marie Brown	13%	10%	16%	16%	28%	22%	9%	7%	8%	5%
Brad Bradford	11%	13%	10%	9%	15%	12%	12%	9%	11%	7%
Some other candidate	23%	28%	16%	34%	21%	18%	22%	23%	27%	26%

Voting Intention – Provincial

[Decided/Leaning]

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	NDP	Green	Other
Sample	707	194	192	218	54	23
Mike Layton	26%	18%	31%	34%	9%	16%
Ana Bailao	11%	12%	13%	10%	11%	0%
Gil Penalosa	17%	11%	18%	23%	7%	14%
Chloe-Marie Brown	13%	4%	13%	18%	31%	2%
Brad Bradford	11%	23%	9%	4%	11%	4%
Some other candidate	23%	31%	16%	10%	31%	64%

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Vote in October 2022 Municipal Election

%	Total	Voted for John Tory	Voted for Other Candidates	Did not vote
Sample	707	332	248	98
Mike Layton	26%	27%	20%	32%
Ana Bailao	11%	16%	6%	10%
Gil Penalosa	17%	13%	25%	10%
Chloe-Marie Brown	13%	6%	20%	14%
Brad Bradford	11%	15%	7%	9%
Some other candidate	23%	23%	21%	26%

Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K	\$250K+
Sample	707	72	78	90	85	65	183	41
Mike Layton	26%	16%	32%	25%	30%	20%	30%	10%
Ana Bailao	11%	10%	15%	15%	7%	13%	10%	5%
Gil Penalosa	17%	12%	16%	6%	27%	25%	17%	14%
Chloe-Marie Brown	13%	27%	11%	19%	11%	18%	7%	6%
Brad Bradford	11%	8%	7%	13%	4%	9%	14%	37%
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