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2011 Property Tax Survey

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Part 1 Tabulation Report

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**1. Do you support the elimination of school property taxes?**

	Total	Percent
Yes	250	89.93%
No	22	7.91%
Undecided	6	2.16%
Skipped	0	0.00%
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Totals	278	100%

**2. What level of school property tax elimination do you support?**

	Total	Percent
Residential school property taxes only	160	57.55%
Both residential and commercial school property taxes	89	32.01%
Neither	29	10.43%
Skipped	0	0.00%
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Totals	278	100%

**3. The elimination of just residential school property taxes will require identifying an alternative revenue source(s) totaling \$9.1 billion and a constitutional amendment, which will take a minimum of three years to pass. Do you support raising other taxes to offset the elimination of residential school property taxes?**

	Total	Percent
Yes	196	70.50%
No	53	19.06%
Undecided	29	10.43%
Skipped	0	0.00%
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Totals	278	100%

4. The elimination of both residential and commercial school property taxes will require identifying an alternative revenue source(s) totaling \$12.9 billion. Do you support raising other taxes to offset the elimination of residential and commercial school property taxes?

	Total	Percent
Yes	141	50.72%
No	85	30.58%
Undecided	52	18.71%
Skipped	0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>100%</b>

5. If you support the elimination of residential and/or residential and commercial school property taxes, which method or methods of taxation do you support to offset the elimination of school property taxes? Please mark all choices you would support.

	Total	Percent
Increasing the Sales and Use Tax (a 1 percent increase would garner \$1.34 billion)	152 of 722	54.68%
Increasing the Personal Income Tax (a 1 percent increase would garner \$3.25 billion)	92 of 722	33.09%
Levying a new tax on retirement income, excluding Social Security, to raise \$2.3 billion	20 of 722	7.19%
Applying the sales tax to food to raise \$1.2 billion	32 of 722	11.51%
Applying the sales tax to clothing to raise \$757 million	91 of 722	32.73%
Taxing all items and services currently exempt from the Sales and Use Tax to raise \$16 billion	108 of 722	38.85%
Applying the Sales and Use Tax to clothing items costing more than \$100	115 of 722	41.37%
Raising the Real Estate Transfer Tax	37 of 722	13.31%
Other: _____	41 of 722	14.75%
None of the above	34 of 722	12.23%
Skipped	0 of 722	0.00%

6. In order to completely eliminate school property, either for residential only or for residential and commercial properties, it will require a reserve of funds from increasing other taxes for at least one year, all while paying your current school property taxes. Do you still support the elimination of school property taxes knowing you will pay higher taxes for one year, while still paying school property taxes before school property taxes can be completely eliminated?

	Total	Percent
Yes	194	69.78%
No	47	16.91%
Undecided	37	13.31%
Skipped	0	0.00%
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Totals	278	100%

8. Please check all the social media sites on which you participate:

	Total	Percent
Facebook	60 of 296	21.58%
LinkedIn	16 of 296	5.76%
Twitter	9 of 296	3.24%
None	211 of 296	75.90%
Skipped	0 of 296	0.00%

9. Do you follow me on Facebook?

	Total	Percent
Yes	20	7.19%
No	258	92.81%
Skipped	0	0.00%
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Totals	278	100%