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Albuquerque Survey Results Public Safety Proposals

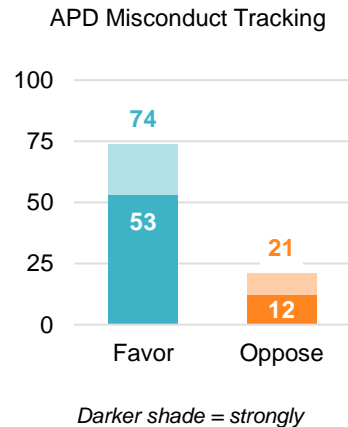
While the debate in the national media on policing and public safety issues is often portrayed as divisive, public opinion research demonstrates that voters will come together to embrace common sense reforms if given the opportunity. Our new Albuquerque survey shows that large majorities of the city’s voters favor proposals to track police misconduct and fund alternatives to traditional policing to improve public safety and strengthen civil rights.

These findings are based on a survey of 400 registered voters who are likely to cast ballots in Albuquerque’s November 2021 mayoral race. The survey was conducted via cell and landline phones from September 25-27. The survey results carry a margin of error of +/-4.9 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence interval.

Key Findings

- 1. A proposal to track police officer misconduct is overwhelmingly popular.** This proposal would: “Require the Albuquerque Police Department to identify and track police officers with a history of misconduct, bias, or excessive use of force, and ensure that this record is available to defendants when police are called to testify against them in court.”

Overall, this proposal receives extremely broad support, with 74 percent of Albuquerque voters in favor and only 21 percent opposed. What’s perhaps more impressive is the intensity of support—a 53 percent majority say they are *strongly* in favor of the proposal.



- 2. A proposal to increase ACS funding also earns wide support.** This proposal would: “Increase funding for the Albuquerque Community Safety Department, an alternative to the traditional police department whose responders are trained to handle certain public safety issues instead of armed police officers.”

By a greater than a 2-to-1 margin, Albuquerque voters favor this proposal (65 – 31 percent). Intensity also falls on the side of support. Those who strongly favor the proposal outnumber those who strongly oppose, 42 – 21 percent.

