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### **Wake County supports regional rail and sanitation workers' overtime rights**

**Raleigh, N.C.** - According to a Public Policy Polling survey released today, a majority of likely voters in Wake County support a Triangle regional rail system. Fifty-one percent of respondents say they support a regional rail system, while 42% do not.

Wake County voters were also sympathetic to the rights of Raleigh's sanitation workers. Fifty-eight percent think that sanitation workers should have the right to refuse to work overtime. Seventy-four percent think the city should be required to pay time-and-a-half for overtime, instead of forcing workers to take time off.

Public Policy Polling (PPP) surveyed 517 likely Wake County voters on September 28. The survey has a margin of error of  $\pm 4.3\%$ . Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

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## Wake County Survey: Sep. 28, 2006

**Q1** The Triangle Transit Authority wants to build a regional light rail system as a way to reduce traffic congestion. Some argue that it is a waste of money; others say we should focus on building and widening roads. Do you support a regional light rail system in the Triangle? If you support a light rail system, press 1. If not, press 2. If undecided, press 3.

*Support*.....51% *Undecided*..... 7%

*Oppose*.....42%

**Q2** Raleigh's sanitation workers want to be able to refuse to work overtime. If you think the workers should be able to refuse to work overtime, press 1. If you think the city should have the right to require overtime work, press 2. If you have no opinion, press 3.

<i>Workers should be able to refuse overtime</i> .....58%	<i>City should have the right to require overtime</i> .....27%
	<i>No opinion</i> .....15%

**Q3** When a Raleigh sanitation worker does work overtime, the city, not the worker, decides if the employee gets paid time-and-a-half or if he gets an hour and a half off for each hour of overtime. Sanitation workers want to be paid for overtime. If you think the city should decide if workers get additional pay or if they get time off, press 1. If you think the city should pay for overtime and not require workers to take time off, press 2. If you have no opinion, press 3.

<i>City should decide on pay</i> .....18%	<i>City should pay and not require time off</i> ..74%
	<i>No opinion</i> ..... 8%

**Q4** Gender  
*Women* .....56% *Men*.....44%

**Q5** Party  
*Democrat*.....45% *Other*.....20%  
*Republican*.....35%

**Q6** Race  
*White* .....74% *Other*..... 9%  
*Black*.....17%



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	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Regional Rail</b>			
<b>Support</b>	50%	55%	45%
<b>Oppose</b>	42%	35%	52%
<b>Undecided</b>	7%	10%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Raleigh sanitation workers' overtime</b>			
<b>Workers should be able to refuse overtime</b>	58%	64%	50%
<b>City should have the right to require overtime</b>	27%	21%	35%
<b>No opinion</b>	15%	15%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
<b>Sanitation worker's overtime pay</b>			
<b>City should decide on pay</b>	18%	18%	18%
<b>City should pay and not require time off</b>	74%	74%	74%
<b>No opinion</b>	8%	8%	8%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Regional Rail</b>				
<b>Support</b>	51%	67%	33%	43%
<b>Oppose</b>	42%	26%	60%	48%
<b>Undecided</b>	7%	6%	7%	10%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Raleigh sanitation workers' overtime</b>				
<b>Workers should be able to refuse overtime</b>	58%	65%	49%	57%
<b>City should have the right to require overtime</b>	27%	21%	33%	29%
<b>No opinion</b>	15%	14%	19%	14%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
<b>Sanitation worker's overtime pay</b>				
<b>City should decide on pay</b>	18%	19%	16%	19%
<b>City should pay and not require time off</b>	74%	75%	74%	72%
<b>No opinion</b>	8%	5%	10%	9%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Regional Rail</b>				
<b>Support</b>	51%	48%	63%	48%
<b>Oppose</b>	42%	43%	33%	50%
<b>Undecided</b>	7%	8%	5%	2%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Raleigh sanitation workers' overtime</b>				
<b>Workers should be able to refuse overtime</b>	58%	56%	65%	54%
<b>City should have the right to require overtime</b>	27%	29%	20%	24%
<b>No opinion</b>	15%	15%	15%	22%

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	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
<b>Sanitation worker's overtime pay</b>				
City should decide on pay	18%	18%	15%	22%
City should pay and not require time off	74%	74%	80%	65%
No opinion	8%	8%	5%	13%