## **Probolsky Research Statewide Survey Gas Tax Repeal**

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### Probolsky Research – Statewide Survey Gas Tax Repeal

Survey Methodology

From Thursday, September 28 to Sunday, October 1 2017, Probolsky Research conducted a survey with live professional interviewers and online, among California residents.

A total of 1,000 residents were surveyed (510 via telephone and 490 online). A survey of this size yields a margin of error of +/-3.2% with a confidence level of 95%. Interviews were conducted with respondents on both landline and mobile (62.7%) phones and were offered in English, Spanish (5.9%) languages. For the online survey phase, we invited participation via email. Security measures precluded individuals from completing the survey more than once and allowed only the designated resident to complete the survey. Online respondents could use their computer, tablet or smart phone to participate. We sent emails to all individuals with valid email addresses.

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Survey Questionnaire

Field Dates:	From Thursday, September 28 – Sunday, October 1, 2017
Universe:	CA Statewide
Language:	English, and Spanish
N =	1000
Margin of Error =	+/-3%

Hello, may I speak with \_\_\_\_\_? [IF NOT AVAILABLE—SCHEDULE CALLBACK] This is \_\_\_\_\_ with the Probolsky Research, a regional opinion research organization. We are conducting a survey about issues facing your community. Your opinion is important.

 In November 2018, you will have the opportunity to vote on a California ballot measure that will read, "Repeals recently enacted gas and diesel taxes and vehicle registration fees. Eliminates road repair and transportation programs funded by these taxes and fees." If the election were held today, would you vote YES in favor of the ballot measure or NO to oppose the ballot measure? [RECORD] [IF CHOOSE VOTE YES OR VOTE NO>>>] And would you say that you would definitely vote (yes/no) or probably vote (yes/no) on the ballot measure? [IF UNSURE >>>] Would you say that you lean one way or another? [ROTATE]

34.8%
19.9%
11.2%
3.7%
53.9%
29.6%
18.1%
6.2%
10.1%
1.2%

Thank you for your time. Have a great (day/evening).



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### **Graphic** Analysis/Presentation



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### **Top Issues**

Open-ended question



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## What is Top of Mind within California?





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# GAS TAX REPEAL UNLIKELY

In November 2018, you will have the opportunity to vote on a California ballot measure that will read, "Repeals recently enacted gas and diesel taxes and vehicle registration fees. Eliminates road repair and transportation programs funded by these taxes and fees". If the election were held today,

> WOULD YOU VOTE YES IN FAVOR OF THE BALLOT MEASURE OR NO TO OPPOSE THE BALLOT MEASURE?

Probolsky Research conducted a survey of **1,000 California voters** via landlines and mobile phones using live, professional interviewers and online. The survey was conducted from Thursday, September 28 through Sunday, October 1. The margin of error for a survey of this size is +/-3.1% with a 95% level of confidence.

34.8%

53.9%

11.3%



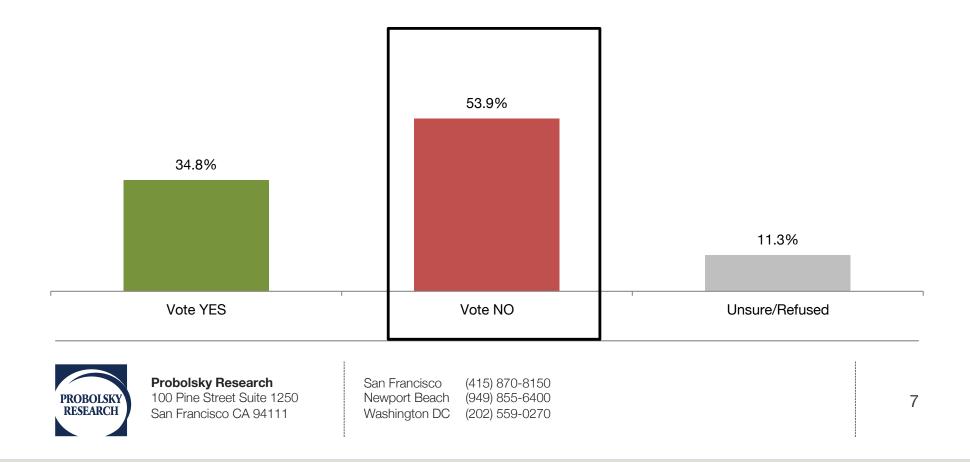
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UNSURE

## Majority of Voters Would Oppose a Repeal

Of the recently imposed gas tax

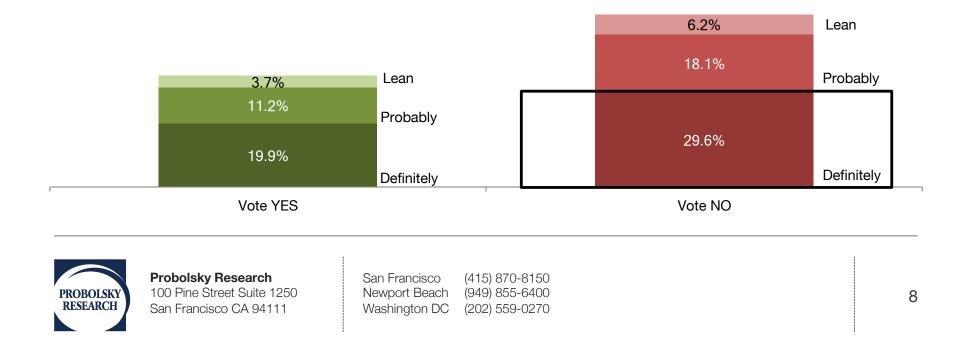
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## **Intensity is Greater Among Opponents**

Than among supporters of a repeal

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### **Cross-tabulations**



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Base: Total Sample

	GENDER		BORN IN US		GENDER/AGE				
		= PARTY	FOR	AGE	MEN WOMEN				
		E REP. DEM. DTS	S BORN BORN KNOWN		18-54 55+ 18-54 55+				
Total		9 271 467 194 0 100 100 100		190 169 239 175 227 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0 100.0					
Vote YES [NET]				62 46 84 65 91 32.6% 27.2% 35.1% 37.1% 40.1%					
Definitely vote yes	199 120 7 19.9% 26% 15.0			19 26 53 41 60 10.0% 15.4% 22.2% 23.4% 26.4%					
Probably vote yes				30         15         24         21         22           15.8%         8.9%         10.0%         12.0%         9.7%	30 23 32 20 11.6% 11% 11.0% 11%				
Lean vote yes	37 17 1 3.7% 3.7% 3.5			13 5 7 3 9 6.8% 3.0% 2.9% 1.7% 4.0%					
Vote NO [NET]	539 245 26 53.9% 53% 55.5	6 110 282 109 % 41% 60% 56%	9 407 97 35 % 54.1% 52.4% 55.6%	104 91 134 95 115 54.7% 53.8% 56.1% 54.3% 50.7%	145 100 164 102 56.2% 49% 56.2% 55%				
Definitely vote no	296 148 13 29.6% 32% 27.1			48 47 78 54 69 25.3% 27.8% 32.6% 30.9% 30.4%					
Probably vote no	181 77 9 18.1% 17% 20.0			42 33 44 30 32 22.1% 19.5% 18.4% 17.1% 14.1%					
Lean vote no				14         11         12         11         14           7.4%         6.5%         5.0%         6.3%         6.2%					
Firm Unsure		3 18 56 18 % 6.6% 12% 9.3%		23 30 17 12 19 12.1% 17.8% 7.1% 6.9% 8.4%	14 11 44 19 5.4% 5.4% 15.1% 10%				
Refused			3 6 5 1 % 0.8% 2.7% 1.6%	1 2 4 3 2 0.5% 1.2% 1.7% 1.7% 0.9%	2 1 5 4 0.8% 0.5% 1.7% 2.1%				



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	GEOGRAPHIC 1								RAPHIC 2			OGRPAHIC			4	GEOGRPAHIC 5	
	TOTAL	LA	OTHER S.	CENTRAL	SAN FRANCISCO BAY	OTHER N.	NORTH COAST	BAY AREA	CENTRAL	SOUTH COAST	COASTAL 5	COASTAL 10	INLAND			COASTAL	
Total	1000 100.0	268 100.0	299 100.0		206 100.0	48 100.0	30 100.0	166 100			432 100.0	183 100.0	385 100.0		483 100.0	615 100.0	385 100.0
Vote YES [NET]	348 34.8%	88 32.8%	122 40.8%		55 26.7%		12 40.0%			159 36.0%	145 33.6%	46 25.1%	157 40.8%		163 33.7%		157 40.8%
Definitely vote yes	199 19.9%	45 16.8%	83 27.8%		23 11.2%	8 16.7%	6 20.0%			92 20.8%		19 10.4%	103 26.8%				103 26.8%
Probably vote yes	112 11.2%	31 11.6%	29 9.7%		26 12.6%	4 8.3%	4 13.3%	19 11%		51 11.5%	50 11.6%	22 12.0%	40 10.4%				
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Vote NO [NET]	539 53.9%	146 54.5%	150 50.2%		124 60.2%		14 46.7%			232 52.5%		114 62.3%	191 49.6%	274 53.0%			191 49.6%
Definitely vote no	296 29.6%	76 28.4%	83 27.8%		79 38.3%	13 27.1%	8 26.7%	69 42%		126 28.5%		73 39.9%	95 24.7%	146 28.2%			95 24.7%
Probably vote no	181 18.1%	56 20.9%	46 15.4%		35 17.0%	9 18.8%			15 25.4%		82 19.0%	31 16.9%	68 17.7%		82 17.0%		68 17.7%
Lean vote no	62 6.2%	14 5.2%	21 7.0%		10 4.9%	6 12.5%	1 3.3%	10 6.0%			24 5.6%	10 5.5%					28 7.3%
Firm Unsure	101 10.1%	27 10.1%	24 8.0%		27 13.1%	4 8.3%	4 13.3%	19 11%	9 15.3%		43 10.0%	23 12.6%		48 9.3%	53 11.0%		
Refused	12 1.2%	7 2.6%	3 1.0%		-	1 2.1%		-	1 1.7%	-			2 0.5%				2 0.5%

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	TOTAL	ENG-	SPAN-		LAND				WHITE		ASIAN	OTHER	REFU- SED	<	\$25K-	\$51K-	\$76K-	\$101K-	<	REFU-
Total	1000 100.0			627 100.0		490 100.0	510 100.0			140 100.0			126 100.0					209 100.0		55 100.0
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					VOTE PROPENSITY							
			PE OF VOTE							NEW PE- RFRECT	NEW	
	TOTAL	PERM.VOTE BY MAIL	PREV.VOTE BY MAIL	ELECTION DAY	5/5					VOTER	TRANT	
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