



Raleigh district races are neck and neck

Raleigh, N.C. – The number of undecided voters is narrowing as people begin to pick their candidates now less than a week from Election Day. In Raleigh, two city council district races appear to be coming down to the wire. In District A, challenger Nancy McFarlane leads incumbent Tommy Craven with a slight 48% to 46% lead. In District B, incumbent Jessie Taliaferro is tied with challenger Rodger Koopman with 40% each, while Angel Menendez lags behind with 8%. However, there were less than 200 respondents for each of these district races, so the margin of error is very high, up to $\pm 7\%$.

In the at-large race, incumbent Russ Stephenson is leading all candidates with 33% of the first choices and 16% of the second choices. Mary Ann Baldwin is in second place with 24% of first choices and 16% of second choices. Paul Anderson is third with 18% of first choices and 13% of second choices.

PPP surveyed 653 likely municipal voters in Raleigh on October 4. The citywide survey has a margin of error of $\pm 3.8\%$. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at PPP's blog, publicpolicypolling.blogspot.com. If you have questions about this release or would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Raleigh Survey: October 4, 2007

Q1 In October you can vote for 2 of the 6 candidates for the two city-wide at-large seats on the Raleigh city council. If the election were held today, which of these six candidates would be your first choice? Paul Anderson, Mary Ann Baldwin, Will Best, Russ Stephenson, Helen Tart or David Williams? If Paul Anderson, press 1. If Mary Ann Baldwin, press 2. If Will Best, press 3. If Russ Stephenson, press 4. If Helen Tart, press 5. If David Williams, press 6. If you are undecided, press 7.

Anderson..... 18% Tart..... 2%
Baldwin 24% Williams..... 8%
Best..... 1% Undecided..... 15%
Stephenson..... 33%

Q2 Which candidate would be your second choice? If Paul Anderson, press 1. If Mary Ann Baldwin, press 2. If Will Best, press 3. If Russ Stephenson, press 4. If Helen Tart, press 5. If David Williams, press 6. If you are undecided, press 7.

Anderson..... 13% Tart..... 9%
Baldwin 16% Williams..... 2%
Best..... 4% Undecided..... 32%
Stephenson..... 16% N/A..... 8%

Q3 [Asked of only District A residents: 165 respondents] In your city council district, District A, there are two candidates, Tommy Craven and Nancy McFarlane. If the election were today which candidate would you vote for? If for Tommy Craven, press 1. If for Nancy McFarlane, press 2. If you are undecided, press 3.

Craven 46% Undecided..... 6%
McFarlane 48%

Q4 [Asked of only District B residents: 117 respondents] In your city council district, District B, there are three candidates, Rodger Koopman, Angel Menendez and Jessie Taliaferro. If the election were today which candidate would you vote for? If for Rodger Koopman, press 1. If for Angel Menendez, press 2. If for Jessie Taliaferro, press 3. If you are undecided, press 4.

Koopman..... 40% Taliaferro..... 40%
Menendez 8% Undecided..... 12%

Q5 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women 53% Men..... 47%

Q6 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 55% Other..... 17%
Republican..... 28%

Q7 If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 79% Other..... 6%
Black..... 15%

Q8 If you are less than 29 years old, press 1. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If more than 65, press 4.

Less than 29 2% 46-65..... 45%
30-45..... 20% Older than 65..... 33%



Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
At-large first choice			
Anderson	18%	21%	15%
Baldwin	24%	28%	18%
Best	1%	0%	2%
Stephenson	33%	29%	37%
Tart	2%	1%	4%
Williams	8%	6%	9%
Undecided	15%	15%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
At-large second choice			
Anderson	13%	11%	15%
Baldwin	16%	16%	16%
Best	4%	3%	4%
Stephenson	16%	17%	13%
Tart	9%	8%	9%
Williams	2%	1%	3%
Undecided	32%	37%	28%
N/A	8%	5%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
District A			
Craven	46%	46%	45%
McFarlane	48%	45%	52%
Undecided	6%	9%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
District B			
Koopman	40%	42%	38%
Menendez	8%	5%	10%
Taliaferro	40%	36%	42%
Undecided	12%	16%	9%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
At-large first choice				
Anderson	18%	24%	9%	11%
Baldwin	24%	22%	26%	25%
Best	1%	-	2%	2%
Stephenson	33%	41%	18%	30%
Tart	2%	2%	2%	1%
Williams	8%	1%	20%	12%
Undecided	15%	10%	23%	18%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
At-large second choice				
Anderson	13%	17%	6%	10%
Baldwin	16%	20%	13%	10%
Best	4%	2%	3%	9%
Stephenson	16%	18%	11%	15%
Tart	9%	11%	3%	12%
Williams	2%	1%	4%	1%
Undecided	32%	23%	49%	35%
N/A	8%	8%	10%	9%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
District A				
Craven	46%	19%	79%	43%
McFarlane	48%	78%	16%	39%
Undecided	6%	3%	5%	18%

	Base	Party affiliation		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
District B				
Koopman	40%	45%	29%	52%
Menendez	8%	-	15%	16%
Taliaferro	40%	42%	42%	30%
Undecided	12%	13%	14%	3%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
At-large first choice				
Anderson	18%	11%	55%	8%
Baldwin	24%	23%	26%	23%
Best	1%	1%	-	3%
Stephenson	33%	39%	-	31%
Tart	2%	3%	-	-
Williams	8%	8%	2%	14%
Undecided	15%	14%	16%	22%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
At-large second choice				
Anderson	13%	12%	12%	21%
Baldwin	16%	17%	16%	9%
Best	4%	3%	4%	13%
Stephenson	16%	17%	11%	4%
Tart	9%	9%	5%	8%
Williams	2%	2%	2%	-
Undecided	32%	33%	27%	35%
N/A	8%	6%	22%	11%

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		White	Black	Other
District A				
Craven	46%	47%	28%	47%
McFarlane	48%	49%	55%	26%
Undecided	6%	4%	17%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
District B				
Koopman	40%	43%	-	30%
Menendez	8%	10%	-	-
Taliaferro	40%	37%	54%	58%
Undecided	12%	9%	46%	12%

	Base	Age			
		Less than 29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
At-large first choice					
Anderson	18%	26%	11%	19%	20%
Baldwin	24%	17%	21%	20%	31%
Best	1%	-	1%	1%	2%
Stephenson	33%	26%	37%	36%	26%
Tart	2%	-	1%	4%	-
Williams	8%	-	12%	9%	4%
Undecided	15%	31%	18%	11%	18%

	Base	Age			
		Less than 29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
At-large second choice					
Anderson	13%	6%	9%	14%	15%
Baldwin	16%	11%	12%	20%	14%
Best	4%	-	6%	4%	2%
Stephenson	16%	20%	8%	18%	17%
Tart	9%	9%	12%	8%	6%
Williams	2%	-	2%	2%	3%
Undecided	32%	37%	40%	30%	31%
N/A	8%	17%	11%	5%	12%

	Base	Age			
		Less than 29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
District A					
Craven	46%	100%	37%	37%	57%
McFarlane	48%	-	56%	56%	38%
Undecided	6%	-	7%	7%	5%

	Base	Age			
		Less than 29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
District B					
Koopman	40%	-	31%	40%	51%
Menendez	8%	-	21%	2%	5%
Taliaferro	40%	100%	40%	43%	33%
Undecided	12%	-	8%	15%	11%

