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## **Majority of N.C. Wants 2012 DNC, Vote on Appeals Noms**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – With Charlotte a rumored frontrunner among Cleveland, St. Louis, and Minneapolis to land the 2012 Democratic National Convention, 58% of North Carolinians want the Queen City to land President Obama’s re-nomination festivities.

Democrats and independents covet the DNC by respective 79-8 and 50-29 margins, and even Republicans are split only 33-39. Voters in the 704 area code, which includes the Charlotte metropolitan area, want to host the convention by a 64-24 margin, second only to the Raleigh-Durham Triangle’s 919 area code, which favors it by a 66-21 margin. Those voters could have thought the convention is being considered for Raleigh.

Similarly, 58%, including more than 60% of Democrats and independents, and 49% of Republicans, think Obama’s two Tar Heel nominees to the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, Albert Diaz and James Wynn, Jr., should get a vote on the Senate floor as soon as possible, with only 16% saying no. The judges are supported by both Senators Kay Hagan, a Democrat, and Richard Burr, a Republican, but their nominations, approved 19-0 by the judiciary committee in January, are being held up by the Republican minority, along with many of Obama’s other judicial and executive picks.

Meanwhile, Obama’s job approval rating has held steady in North Carolina since July, with 46% approving and 50% disapproving. The state, traditionally red but the second closest state Obama won in 2008, now gives him his ninth best approval margin, tied with Florida and Michigan, of the 26 states PPP has polled in 2010, close behind New Mexico and not far behind Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Washington.

“President Obama has paid a lot of attention to North Carolina since getting elected, and his standing here is evidence of his investment,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “North Carolinians hope to see even more of him and reap the economic benefits of that investment in the summer of 2012.”

PPP surveyed 624 North Carolina voters from July 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.9%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.



## North Carolina Survey Results

**Q1** Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

*Approve* ..... 46%  
*Disapprove*..... 50%  
*Not Sure*..... 4%

**Q2** Do you support or oppose President Obama's health care plan, or do you not have an opinion?

*Support*..... 41%  
*Oppose*..... 50%  
*No Opinion*..... 9%

**Q3** Do you support or oppose holding the 2012 Democratic National Convention in North Carolina?

*Support*..... 58%  
*Oppose*..... 23%  
*Not sure*..... 20%

**Q4** President Obama has nominated two North Carolinians to the US Court of Appeals. Do you think the US Senate should take a vote to approve or disapprove their nominations as soon as possible?

*Yes* ..... 58%  
*No*..... 16%  
*Not sure*..... 26%

**Q5** Who did you vote for President last year?

*John McCain*..... 47%  
*Barack Obama*..... 47%  
*Someone else/Don't remember* ..... 6%

**Q6** Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative?

*Liberal*..... 17%  
*Moderate*..... 36%  
*Conservative*..... 48%

**Q7** Would you describe the community you live in as urban, suburban, rural, or a small town?

*Urban*..... 14%  
*Suburban*..... 30%  
*Rural*..... 27%  
*Small Town*..... 29%

**Q8** If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

*Woman* ..... 50%  
*Man*..... 50%

**Q9** If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

*Democrat*..... 46%  
*Republican*..... 34%  
*Independent/Other*..... 20%

**Q10** If you are white, press 1. If African-American, press 2. If other, press 3.

*White* ..... 76%  
*African-American* ..... 21%  
*Other*..... 3%

**Q11** If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

*18 to 29*..... 6%  
*30 to 45*..... 26%  
*46 to 65*..... 45%  
*Older than 65*..... 23%





**Q12**

252.....	12%
336.....	18%
704.....	20%
828.....	13%
910.....	16%
919.....	21%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	46%	6%	88%	36%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	92%	7%	56%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	2%	5%	8%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	41%	5%	79%	33%
<b>Oppose</b>	50%	90%	9%	51%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	6%	12%	16%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>DNC in NC</b>				
<b>Support</b>	58%	35%	83%	40%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	39%	5%	33%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	26%	12%	26%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
<b>Ct. of Appeals</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	58%	49%	68%	57%
<b>No</b>	16%	21%	11%	10%
<b>Not sure</b>	26%	30%	21%	33%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	<b>46%</b>	87%	64%	19%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>50%</b>	8%	29%	80%
<b>Not Sure</b>	<b>4%</b>	5%	6%	2%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	<b>41%</b>	83%	56%	15%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>50%</b>	7%	31%	79%
<b>No Opinion</b>	<b>9%</b>	10%	13%	6%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>DNC in NC</b>				
<b>Support</b>	<b>58%</b>	87%	74%	35%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>23%</b>	5%	11%	38%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>20%</b>	9%	16%	26%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
<b>Ct. of Appeals</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	<b>58%</b>	71%	64%	49%
<b>No</b>	<b>16%</b>	13%	11%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	<b>26%</b>	16%	25%	30%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	46%	54%	54%	35%	45%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	41%	44%	60%	50%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	4%	2%	5%	5%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>Health Care</b>					
<b>Support</b>	41%	46%	49%	33%	38%
<b>Oppose</b>	50%	42%	45%	58%	50%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	11%	6%	9%	12%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>DNC in NC</b>					
<b>Support</b>	58%	58%	64%	51%	56%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	29%	17%	28%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	13%	19%	21%	22%

	Base	Community Type			
		Urban	Suburban	Rural	Small Town
<b>Ct. of Appeals</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	58%	61%	60%	57%	56%
<b>No</b>	16%	20%	16%	18%	13%
<b>Not sure</b>	26%	19%	25%	25%	31%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Obama Approval</b>			
<b>Approve</b>	46%	52%	41%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	43%	56%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	5%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Health Care</b>			
<b>Support</b>	41%	46%	36%
<b>Oppose</b>	50%	43%	56%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	11%	7%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>DNC in NC</b>			
<b>Support</b>	58%	63%	52%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	17%	28%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	19%	20%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
<b>Ct. of Appeals</b>			
<b>Yes</b>	58%	59%	58%
<b>No</b>	16%	12%	20%
<b>Not sure</b>	26%	30%	22%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	46%	80%	8%	35%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	16%	90%	59%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	4%	3%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	41%	72%	5%	32%
<b>Oppose</b>	50%	17%	90%	56%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	11%	5%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>DNC in NC</b>				
<b>Support</b>	58%	79%	33%	50%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	8%	39%	29%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	13%	28%	21%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
<b>Ct. of Appeals</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	58%	64%	49%	60%
<b>No</b>	16%	12%	21%	16%
<b>Not sure</b>	26%	24%	30%	24%







**Crosstabs**

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Obama Approval</b>				
<b>Approve</b>	46%	35%	86%	38%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	60%	10%	62%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	4%	3%	-

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Health Care</b>				
<b>Support</b>	41%	31%	79%	38%
<b>Oppose</b>	50%	61%	10%	56%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	9%	11%	6%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>DNC in NC</b>				
<b>Support</b>	58%	53%	76%	44%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	26%	11%	30%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	21%	13%	26%

	Base	Race		
		White	African-American	Other
<b>Ct. of Appeals</b>				
<b>Yes</b>	58%	58%	59%	55%
<b>No</b>	16%	16%	17%	17%
<b>Not sure</b>	26%	27%	24%	29%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Obama Approval</b>					
<b>Approve</b>	46%	71%	51%	43%	41%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	24%	46%	53%	55%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	6%	4%	4%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Health Care</b>					
<b>Support</b>	41%	59%	47%	38%	35%
<b>Oppose</b>	50%	24%	46%	53%	56%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	18%	7%	9%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>DNC in NC</b>					
<b>Support</b>	58%	65%	64%	56%	52%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	18%	22%	24%	22%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	18%	14%	20%	26%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
<b>Ct. of Appeals</b>					
<b>Yes</b>	58%	76%	58%	57%	56%
<b>No</b>	16%	6%	17%	16%	17%
<b>Not sure</b>	26%	18%	25%	27%	27%





**Crosstabs**

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
<b>Obama Approval</b>							
<b>Approve</b>	46%	49%	42%	42%	49%	42%	55%
<b>Disapprove</b>	50%	47%	53%	56%	49%	54%	40%
<b>Not Sure</b>	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
<b>Health Care</b>							
<b>Support</b>	41%	45%	32%	37%	45%	37%	51%
<b>Oppose</b>	50%	47%	53%	57%	45%	54%	42%
<b>No Opinion</b>	9%	8%	15%	6%	11%	9%	7%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
<b>DNC in NC</b>							
<b>Support</b>	58%	52%	52%	64%	52%	54%	66%
<b>Oppose</b>	23%	21%	26%	24%	29%	17%	21%
<b>Not sure</b>	20%	27%	22%	13%	19%	29%	13%

	Base	Area Code					
		252	336	704	828	910	919
<b>Ct. of Appeals</b>							
<b>Yes</b>	58%	54%	54%	56%	72%	52%	62%
<b>No</b>	16%	19%	15%	21%	11%	15%	14%
<b>Not sure</b>	26%	27%	31%	23%	17%	33%	24%

