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Cuomo, Kennedy lead King

Raleigh, N.C. – Public Policy Polling’s newest New York survey finds that both Andrew Cuomo and Caroline Kennedy would lead hypothetical match ups with Republican Congressman Peter King in 2010- but there’s a wide disparity in the margins.

Cuomo, it appears, would be an easy winner against King. He leads him 48-29 in a hypothetical pairing, and that’s with only 35% of black voters pledging to support him at this very preliminary stage.

Kennedy only edges King 46-44. She loses a full quarter of the Democratic vote at this point in time and also has a 15 point gap among independent voters.

“2010 is a long ways off but if Governor Paterson is looking at initial electability when deciding who to appoint Andrew Cuomo should be the pick,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “He’s much more formidable than Caroline Kennedy against Peter King at this point. Of course if Kennedy is the choice she will have a chance to redeem herself during her first couple years in the Senate.”

King has decent favorability numbers for someone who’s not a major statewide figure. 34% of voters see him positively while 26% have a negative opinion. A 40% plurality has no opinion at this point in time.

A PPP survey released yesterday found that a solid majority of New York voters think Andrew Cuomo should be appointed to replace Hillary Clinton, and that Caroline Kennedy’s image has suffered over the last month as she has publicly campaigned for the Senate appointment.

PPP surveyed 700 New York voters on January 3rd and 4th. The survey’s margin of error is +/-3.7%. 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 www.publicpolicypolling.com.

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

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New York Survey Results

Q1 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 were Democrat Andrew Cuomo and Republican Peter King, who would you vote for? If Andrew Cuomo, press 1. If Peter King, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Cuomo.....48% *Undecided*.....23%
King29%

Q2 If the candidates for US Senate in 2010 were Democrat Caroline Kennedy and Republican Peter King, who would you vote for? If Caroline Kennedy, press 1. If Peter King, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Kennedy.....46%
King44%
Undecided..... 10%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Andrew Cuomo? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 57%
Unfavorable 20%
Not Sure.....22%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Peter King? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable.....34%
Unfavorable26%
Not Sure.....40%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Caroline Kennedy? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 44%
Unfavorable40%
Not Sure..... 16%

Q6 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women52% *Men*.....48%

Q7 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat..... 55%
Republican.....32%
Other..... 13%

Q8 If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If you are Hispanic, press 3. If other, press 4.

White69% *Hispanic*.....10%
African American17% *Other*..... 4%

Q9 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 than 65, press 4.

18-29..... 9% *46-65*.....39%
30-45.....23% *Older than 65*.....30%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Cuomo/King			
Cuomo	48%	50%	46%
King	29%	26%	32%
Undecided	23%	24%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Kennedy/King			
Kennedy	46%	49%	44%
King	44%	42%	46%
Undecided	10%	9%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Cuomo Favorability			
Favorable	57%	56%	59%
Unfavorable	20%	17%	24%
Not Sure	22%	27%	18%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
King Favorability			
Favorable	34%	31%	36%
Unfavorable	26%	21%	32%
Not Sure	40%	48%	32%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Kennedy Favorability			
Favorable	44%	46%	43%
Unfavorable	40%	36%	44%
Not Sure	16%	18%	13%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Cuomo/King				
Cuomo	48%	64%	27%	30%
King	29%	12%	53%	38%
Undecided	23%	23%	20%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Kennedy/King				
Kennedy	46%	65%	19%	35%
King	44%	25%	74%	50%
Undecided	10%	10%	6%	15%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Cuomo Favorability				
Favorable	57%	67%	49%	37%
Unfavorable	20%	13%	28%	31%
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Favorable	34%	22%	50%	44%
Unfavorable	26%	34%	15%	16%
Not Sure	40%	44%	34%	39%

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Kennedy Favorability				
Favorable	44%	57%	25%	38%
Unfavorable	40%	31%	54%	44%
Not Sure	16%	12%	20%	18%

	Base	Race			
		White	African American	Hispanic	Other
Cuomo/King					
Cuomo	48%	51%	35%	55%	36%
King	29%	33%	23%	9%	36%
Undecided	23%	16%	43%	36%	28%

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Kennedy/King					
Kennedy	46%	41%	63%	55%	42%
King	44%	50%	28%	36%	39%
Undecided	10%	9%	10%	9%	19%





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Kennedy Favorability					
Favorable	44%	39%	65%	45%	47%
Unfavorable	40%	43%	30%	41%	31%
Not Sure	16%	18%	5%	14%	22%

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Favorable	57%	41%	45%	60%	67%
Unfavorable	20%	25%	32%	18%	14%
Not Sure	22%	33%	23%	22%	19%

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