

# **Public Opinion Survey of Opinions and Attitudes Regarding Selected Issues and Personalities**

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Survey dates: July 20 – 27, 2009  
N=500 New Orleans Registered Voters  
Margin of error= +/- 4.5%

# Awareness of LSU Proposal

- LSU and the state propose to build an entirely new medical center to replace Charity Hospital in New Orleans' Lower Mid-City neighborhood, at a cost of \$1 Billion or more. The state says that new construction is needed to meet modern hospital standards, and LSD will not reuse the old Charity building. Please tell me *if* you have heard a lot, a little, or nothing at all about this plan.

– A lot	56.9%
– A little	32.4
– Nothing at all	9.7
– Don't know/Refused	1.4

# Awareness of proposal to Renew and Reopen Charity Hospital

- There is a proposal by some doctors, healthcare architects, and neighborhood leaders who advocate building a new, modern hospital inside the shell of the old Charity Hospital. They say this will be faster, cheaper, and less destructive of the area than LSU's proposal while meeting modern hospital standards. Please tell me if you have heard a lot, a little, or nothing at all about this plan.
  - A lot 44.9%
  - A little 35.8
  - Nothing at all 17.9
  - Don't know/Refused 1.4

# WHICH HOSPITAL PROPOSAL DO YOU FAVOR?

- Now, having heard about the two proposals, which one do you favor? The proposal for a new medical center in Lower Mid-city or the proposal to build a new hospital inside the Charity building?
  - LSU's proposed academic medical center in Lower Mid-City
    - » 29.6 %
  - A new hospital inside of the Charity building
    - » 59.7 %
  - Neither
    - » 3.6%
  - Don't Know/Refused
    - » 7.6%

# OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF HOSPITAL PROPOSALS?

- More than 60 civic, neighborhood and professional organizations have called for an objective analysis of these two hospital proposals to determine which will do more good for New Orleans. Would you favor or oppose having this analysis?

- Favor 71.4%
- Oppose 19.6%
- Don't Know 8.9%

# PUBLIC HEARINGS ON HOSPITAL PROPOSALS?

- These same civic, neighborhood, and professional organizations have also called on the New Orleans City Council to hold public hearings on the hospital proposals to give our citizens a voice. Would you favor or oppose the New Orleans City Council holding such public hearings?

- FAVOR 82.5%
- OPPOSE 13.7%
- DON'T KNOW 3.8%