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NEW YORK CITY VOTERS BACK MAYOR'S STORM PLAN 4-1, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; SLIM MAJORITY BACKS FOOD RECYCLING, BIKE RENTALS

New York City voters support 74 – 17 percent Mayor Michael Bloomberg's $19 billion plan to better protect the city from storms, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. There is little difference in support from voters who live in flood zones and those who don't.

Support is strong in every group and in every borough, ranging from 70 – 21 percent in Brooklyn to 82 – 16 percent in Staten Island.

By a smaller 52 – 32 percent majority, voters believe the mayor's plan "can effectively protect the city, subway and electrical system from future storms and flooding," the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

A substantial minority, 45 percent of voters, are willing to pay higher taxes for such protection, while 52 percent are not. Again there is little difference between voters in flood zones and those not in flood zones.

New York City voters approve 51 – 41 percent of the job Mayor Bloomberg is doing. Approval is 57 – 38 percent among white voters and 52– 38 percent among Hispanic voters while black voters are divided 45 – 48 percent. Approval is 50 – 41 percent among Republicans, 50 – 43 percent among Democrats and 53 – 37 percent among independent voters.

"Mayor Michael Bloomberg has been furiously generating ideas and this new bunch are winners. The biggest idea, the $19 billion flood control program, is the biggest hit with voters," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"Flood control produces one negative: Would voters approve higher taxes to pay for it? No, they never OK higher taxes, but this one is close."

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New York City voters support 52 – 42 percent mandatory recycling of food waste. White voters are divided 46 – 46 percent, but support is 50 – 44 percent among black voters and 67 – 28 percent among Hispanic voters. Men support food recycling 52 – 43 percent. Women say save the scraps 52 - 42 percent.

Voters in Manhattan, likely to have the smallest kitchens, support food recycling 59 – 35 percent, with support at 57 – 36 percent in The Bronx and 54 – 39 percent in Queens. Opposition is 51 – 45 percent in Brooklyn, and 51 – 42 percent in Staten Island.

Support ranges from a split 48 – 46 percent among voters 45 to 64 years old to 68 – 30 percent among voters under 30 years old.

"The demographics on the food recycling issue are interesting, with more black and Hispanic support than white support," Carroll said. "Younger voters like the idea more than their parents."

Bike Lanes and Bike Rentals

New York City voters support 50 – 20 percent the city's new bike rental program, with wide margins in every borough. Every age, income, party, gender and educational group supports the bike program.

Voters support 57 – 30 percent having rental bikes parked in their neighborhood, with support ranging from 50 – 35 percent in Staten Island to 66 – 22 percent in Manhattan. Voters over 65 years old comprise the only group that doesn't want bikes in their neighborhood, with 40 percent opposed and 37 percent in favor.

Bike lanes have become a fact of life for New York City voters as 38 percent want to keep the number of bike lanes as they are, while 29 percent want more bike lanes and 28 percent want fewer bike lanes.

Looking at their own neighborhood, 39 percent want to keep bike lanes as they are, while 35 percent want more lanes and 19 percent want fewer bike lanes.

"Despite the howls of opponents, bicycle lanes are fairly popular. Voters even approve more lanes in their neighborhoods," Carroll said. "The bike rental program is a winner, too."

From June 19 – 25, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,238 New York City voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Michael Bloomberg is handling his job as Mayor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	51%	50%	50%	53%	52%	50%	57%	45%	52%
Disapprove	41	41	43	37	40	43	38	48	38
DK/NA	8	9	7	9	9	7	5	8	10

| | COLLEGE DEG | | ANNUAL HSHOLD INC | | | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Approve	57%	47%	42%	51%	66%	52%	52%	50%	51%
Disapprove	36	44	49	41	29	41	40	41	42
DK/NA	7	9	9	8	5	7	8	9	7

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	43%	43%	64%	52%	49%
Disapprove	43	50	28	40	47
DK/NA	14	7	7	8	4

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dennis Walcott is handling his job as New York City Schools Chancellor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	35%	25%	38%	37%	38%	32%	33%	42%	34%
Disapprove	38	38	39	38	39	38	33	42	41
DK/NA	27	37	23	25	23	30	34	16	25

| | COLLEGE DEG | | ANNUAL HSHOLD INC | | | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Approve	37%	34%	37%	35%	35%	31%	34%	37%	36%
Disapprove	39	38	39	42	38	42	41	36	35
DK/NA	24	28	24	24	27	27	24	26	30

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	40%	34%	33%	36%	35%
Disapprove	38	38	34	41	48
DK/NA	22	28	34	23	17

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Dennis Walcott is handling his job as New York City Schools Chancellor?

						APPROVE.......	
						High	Low
	Jun 27	May 22	Apr 11	Feb 28	Jan 17	Jan 17	May 11
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2011
Approve	35	39	39	41	45	45	31
Disapprove	38	37	37	38	34	34	21
DK/NA	27	24	24	21	22	22	48

25. Do you think the number of bicycle lanes in New York City should be increased, decreased or kept about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Increased	29%	20%	28%	38%	33%	26%	31%	21%	30%
Decreased	28	40	25	27	30	26	32	23	24
Kept about same	38	36	40	33	33	42	32	49	42
DK/NA	5	4	6	3	4	6	5	7	4

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS..............			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Increased	35%	25%	26%	28%	39%	50%	35%	27%	11%
Decreased	26	29	29	28	27	21	22	30	34
Kept about same	34	41	39	40	32	30	41	38	43
DK/NA	5	6	6	5	2	-	3	5	12

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Increased	22%	33%	39%	25%	12%
Decreased	19	29	26	27	49
Kept about same	46	37	29	43	36
DK/NA	13	1	6	5	4

26. Do you think the number of bicycle lanes in your neighborhood should be increased, decreased or kept about the same?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Increased	35%	20%	35%	43%	39%	31%	30%	35%	38%
Decreased	19	26	18	17	22	16	21	20	15
Kept about same	39	46	40	35	34	43	42	37	39
DK/NA	7	7	7	6	5	9	7	8	7

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS..............			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Increased	38%	33%	35%	33%	41%	50%	46%	33%	14%
Decreased	19	19	17	20	17	16	14	18	26
Kept about same	39	39	38	42	38	31	37	41	45
DK/NA	5	9	10	4	4	2	3	8	15

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Increased	36%	36%	36%	37%	14%
Decreased	16	22	21	15	15
Kept about same	34	38	37	40	57
DK/NA	14	3	6	8	14

27. Do you approve or disapprove of New York City's bike rental program, or haven't you heard enough about it?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	50%	45%	51%	55%	50%	51%	57%	43%	47%
Disapprove	20	28	17	23	22	18	22	18	17
Hvn't hrd enough	27	27	29	21	27	28	20	38	33
REFUSED	2	-	3	1	1	3	1	1	3

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS..............			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Approve	62%	42%	44%	53%	67%	55%	59%	52%	36%
Disapprove	20	19	21	19	18	14	19	19	24
Hvn't hrd enough	16	36	33	26	14	28	21	26	39
REFUSED	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	4	1

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	46%	49%	61%	45%	49%
Disapprove	13	23	19	20	24
Hvn't hrd enough	39	26	18	33	23
REFUSED	2	2	3	3	3

28. Do you approve or disapprove of rental bikes being parked in your neighborhood?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	57%	51%	58%	59%	59%	55%	60%	47%	56%
Disapprove	30	36	30	29	32	29	30	37	27
DK/NA	13	12	11	12	10	16	10	16	17

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS..............			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Approve	65%	51%	51%	57%	69%	72%	69%	54%	37%
Disapprove	26	34	34	33	22	21	22	34	40
DK/NA	9	15	15	10	8	7	10	12	23

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Approve	53%	56%	66%	52%	50%
Disapprove	25	35	22	35	35
DK/NA	22	9	12	13	14

29. Would you support or oppose a plan to make it mandatory to recycle food waste or scraps?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Support	52%	36%	52%	55%	52%	52%	46%	50%	67%
Oppose	42	58	42	40	43	42	46	44	28
DK/NA	6	6	6	4	6	6	8	6	5

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS..............			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Support	52%	52%	58%	45%	51%	68%	52%	48%	48%
Oppose	42	42	36	51	43	30	44	46	41
DK/NA	6	6	6	4	5	1	3	7	11

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Support	57%	45%	59%	54%	42%
Oppose	36	51	35	39	51
DK/NA	7	4	6	7	8

30. Mayor Bloomberg has proposed a plan to spend $19 billion dollars to protect New York City buildings, subway lines and electrical systems from future flooding and wind damage. Do you approve or disapprove of this plan?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	74%	68%	76%	72%	72%	75%	76%	70%	71%
Disapprove	17	27	15	17	19	15	15	20	20
DK/NA	9	6	9	10	9	10	9	10	9

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC			AGE IN YRS..............			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Approve	77%	71%	72%	75%	77%	71%	71%	77%	73%
Disapprove	13	20	20	14	17	24	20	13	15
DK/NA	9	9	8	12	6	5	8	10	12

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	LIVE IN FLOOD ZONE Q33	
						Yes	No
Approve	71%	70%	77%	74%	82%	76%	74%
Disapprove	21	21	12	15	16	17	17
DK/NA	8	9	11	11	2	6	9

31. Do you believe New York City government can effectively protect the city, subway and electrical system from future storms and flooding if it spends $19 billion in city, state and federal funds or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Can protect	52%	46%	54%	57%	53%	52%	52%	49%	56%
No/Can't	32	38	32	26	33	31	27	43	31
DK/NA	16	16	14	17	14	17	21	8	13

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31. (cont'd) Do you believe New York City government can effectively protect the city, subway and electrical system from future storms and flooding if it spends $19 billion in city, state and federal funds or not?

| | COLLEGE DEG | | ANNUAL HSHOLD INC | | | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes/Can protect	55%	51%	51%	53%	57%	51%	52%	55%	51%
No/Can't	28	34	36	32	29	42	33	30	27
DK/NA	16	15	13	16	15	7	16	16	21

| | | | | | | LIVE IN FLOOD ZONE Q33 | |
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	Yes	No
Yes/Can protect	54%	47%	56%	54%	57%	47%	54%
No/Can't	31	39	24	32	27	35	31
DK/NA	16	14	20	14	16	18	15

32. Are you willing to pay higher taxes to protect the city, subway and electrical system from future flooding or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Willing	45%	37%	46%	49%	48%	42%	53%	38%	39%
No/Not	52	62	50	48	49	54	43	60	57
DK/NA	3	1	4	3	3	4	4	2	4

| | COLLEGE DEG | | ANNUAL HSHOLD INC | | | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes/Willing	55%	38%	37%	51%	54%	45%	40%	47%	49%
No/Not	42	59	60	47	43	55	57	49	47
DK/NA	3	4	3	2	3	-	3	4	4

| | | | | | | LIVE IN FLOOD ZONE Q33 | |
	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl	Yes	No
Yes/Willing	38%	43%	52%	45%	46%	47%	45%
No/Not	59	55	44	50	52	49	52
DK/NA	3	2	4	5	2	4	3

33. Do you live in an area designated by the government as a flood zone?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	18%	16%	19%	15%	18%	17%	18%	18%	20%
No	79	80	79	81	79	79	79	80	77
DK/NA	3	4	2	4	2	4	3	3	3

| | COLLEGE DEG | | ANNUAL HSHOLD INC | | | AGE IN YRS.............. | | | |
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes	17%	18%	16%	20%	17%	16%	21%	18%	14%
No	80	78	80	76	80	81	76	79	81
DK/NA	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	5

	Brnx	Kngs	Man	Qns	StIsl
Yes	15%	17%	19%	16%	28%
No	80	80	77	81	69
DK/NA	5	3	3	4	2