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TO: Interested Parties

FR: Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates

RE: Congressional District 37 Survey Results

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According to our recent survey<sup>1</sup>, **State Assembly member Laura Richardson holds a nine-percentage point lead (25% to 16%) over State Senator Jenny Oropeza** in the Special Election for Congress in California's 37<sup>th</sup> District.

**Table 1 – CD 37 Ballot Test**

|                             | <b>ALL</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| <b>Laura Richardson (D)</b> | <b>25%</b> |
| Jenny Oropeza (D)           | 16%        |
| Valerie McDonald (D)        | 7%         |
| John M. Kanaley (R)         | 5%         |
| Teri Ramirez (R)            | 2%         |
| Ed Wilson (D)               | 2%         |
| Other Democrats             | 4%         |
| Other Republicans           | 2%         |
| Minor Party Candidates      | 1%         |
| Don't Know                  | 35%        |

Richardson leads Oropeza among Democrats by a two-to-one margin – a crucial factor as only the top Democratic vote-getter will proceed to the August general election. Richardson is winning among both men and women, homeowners and renters, and among all age groups. She leads with all racial groups except Latinos, where she trails Oropeza by only seven points. Richardson holds a commanding lead in labor union households, which comprise about one-fifth of voters. Her lead should grow, as Richardson is endorsed by the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

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<sup>1</sup>From June 5-7, 2007 Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates (FMM&A) conducted a telephone survey of 400 voters in the 37<sup>th</sup> Congressional District who are likely to vote in the June 26, 2007 Special Congressional election. The margin of error for the full sample is plus or minus 4.9%; margins of error for subgroups will be higher.

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