# CONROE ISD VOTER SURVEY

June 27 - July 2, 2023

N = 301 respondents

margin of error: <u>+</u> 5.7%

75% cell phone / 25% landline

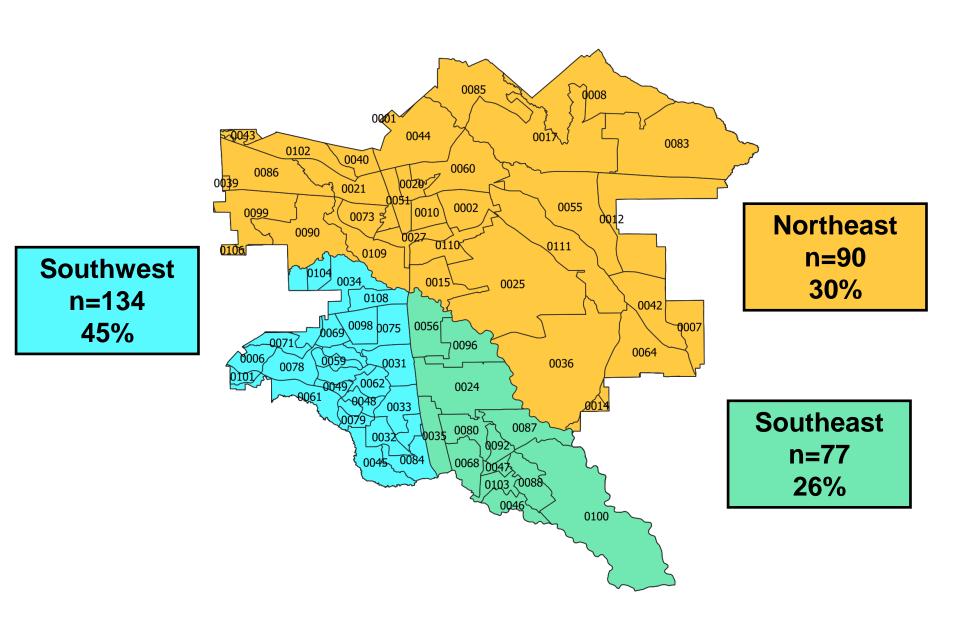




## **OBJECTIVES**

- To assess general attitudes about Conroe ISD.
- To measure initial levels of support for various bond proposals, testing ballot language.
- To test the favorability of potential bond project elements and the impact of additional information about the bonds.
- To measure <u>informed</u> levels of support for bond proposals, after respondents learned more about them.

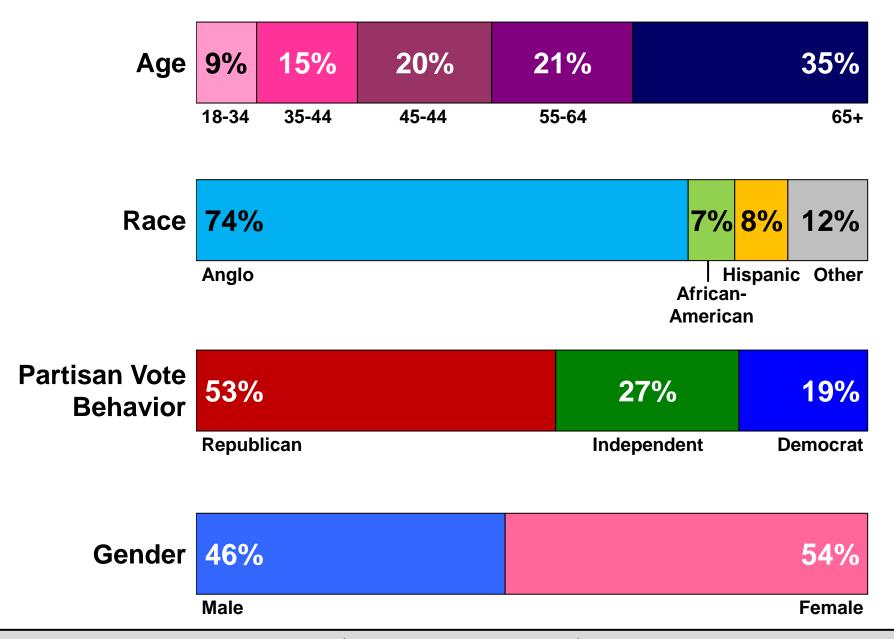
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### **COMPARISON of SAMPLE FILE to RESPONDENTS**

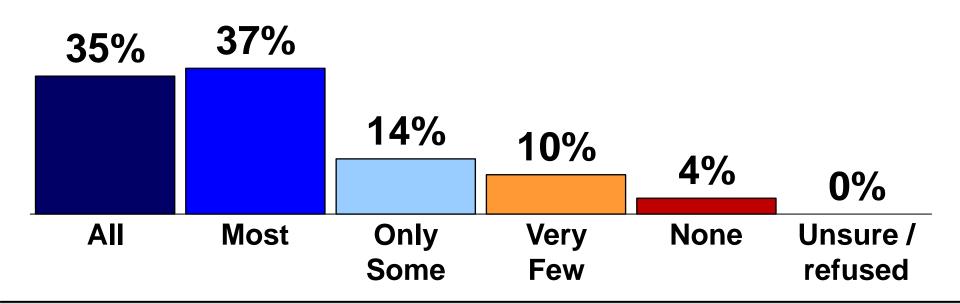
	18-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-54 yrs	55-64 yrs	65+ yrs
All registered voters	27%	18%	18%	16%	20%
Nov 2022 (50%)	15%	17%	20%	20%	28%
Nov 2019 (15%)	6%	14%	20%	21%	40%
May 2019 (6%)	4%	11%	19%	21%	45%
2019 Bond Avg	5%	13%	20%	21%	42%
Feb 2023 Survey N=301	10%	15%	20%	21%	35%
July 2023 Survey N=301	9%	15%	20%	21%	35%

### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

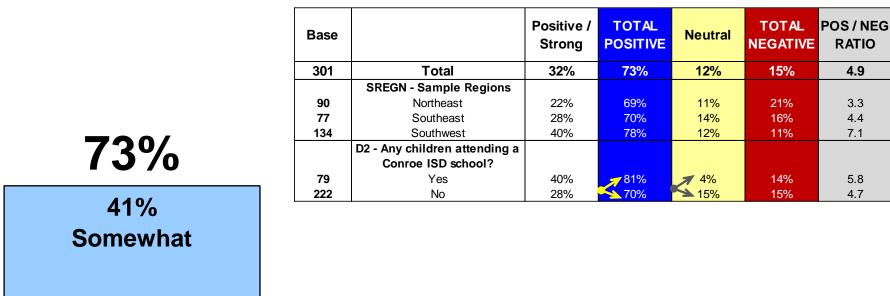


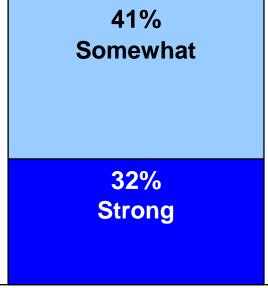
Q1. Thinking about local elections for a moment -- would you say that you vote in all, most, only some, very few, or none of the local elections dealing with bond issues, and city council and school board races?

	Base	All	Most	Only some	Very few	None	Unsure / Refused
Total	301	35%	37%	14%	10%	4%	0%
RAGE49 - Age							
18-49	95	25%	32%	19%	13%	9%	1%
50-64	100	39%	38%	15%	8%	0%	0%
65 or older	105	41%	40%	8%	8%	4%	0%
RCEV3 - CE ELEC. 2019-22		87	20/0				
Voted 1+	170	45% <b>67</b>	42%	8%	4%	1%	0%
Voted 0	131	22% <del>* 52</del>	<b>30%</b>	22%	18%	8%	1%



Q2. Do you have a positive or negative impression of Conroe Independent School District?





12%

15%
10% Somewhat
6% Strong

**Positive** 

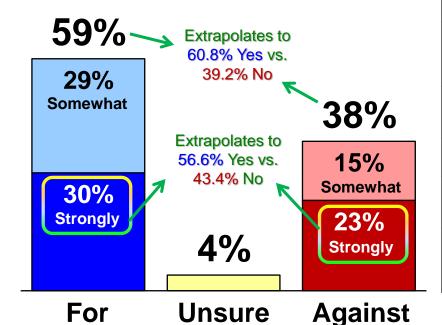
**Neutral** 

Negative

#### **INITIAL GENERAL BALLOT**

Q3. Prop A, the issuance of \$1.8 billion in bonds to construct, renovate, and equip school buildings, and purchase land and buses, which the ballot states is a property tax increase.

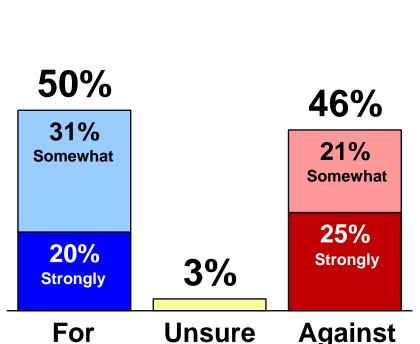




Base		For / Strongly	TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	Against / Strongly	NET FOR
301	Total	30%	59%	38%	23%	21%
	SREGN - Sample Regions					
90	Northeast	26%	53%	45%	28%	8%
77	Southeast	27%	56%	42%	21%	14%
134	Southwest	34%	64%	31%	20%	33%
	D2 - Any children attending a					
	Conroe ISD school?					
79	Yes	42%	70%	27%	15%	43%
222	No	26%	55%	41%	25%	13%
	RAGE49 - Age					
95	18-49	31%	60%	38%	16%	22%
100	50-64	28%	54%	43%	28%	10%
105	65 or older	30%	62%	33%	24%	29%
	GENDER - Gender					
139	Male	29%	58%	41%	25%	17%
162	Female	31%	59%	35%	21%	24%
	RR9655 - Age / Gender					
57	Male / 18-54	30%	59%	41%	24%	17%
82	Male / 55+	28%	58%	41%	26%	17%
75	Female / 18-54	36%	60%	33%	15%	27%
87	Female / 55+	27%	58%	36%	26%	22%
	RRRACE – Race & Ethnicity	000/	500/	000/	040/	0407
222	Anglo	32%	59%	38%	21%	21%
70	Non-Anglo	25%	61%	36%	24%	25%
9	Refused	24%	32%	58%	58%	-25%
	RPARTYTS - Partisan Vote					
161	Behavior	200/	55%	400/	26%	420/
82	Republican	26%		42%		13%
8∠ 58	Independent Democratic	31% 40%	54% 74%	39% 26%	23% 13%	16% 49%
30	RGPRIM3-Gen & Pri '18-'22	40%	74%	20%	13%	49%
146	GOP	25%	52%	44%	29%	8%
112	Mixed	31%	61%	35%	17%	27%
43	DEM	42%	75%	25%	16%	50%
73	RCEV3 - CE ELEC. 2019-22	7270	1370	2570	1070	3070
170	Voted 1+	34%	61%	35%	22%	27%
131	Voted 11	24%	55%	41%	24%	13%
.5.	RRR1 - Vote local elections?	2770		1170	2770	1070
105	All	32%	59%	38%	24%	21%
111	Most	31%	59%	38%	24%	21%
85	Some-None	26%	58%	37%	19%	21%
	RR2 - Impression of Conroe	20,0		0.70	.070	2.,0
	ISD					
95	Positive / Strong	41%	<b>△</b> 68%	28%	13%	40%
125	Positive / Somewhat	27%	62%	35%	25%	27%
81	Not Positive	21%	42%	53%	31%	-11%

#### **INITIAL TECH BALLOT**

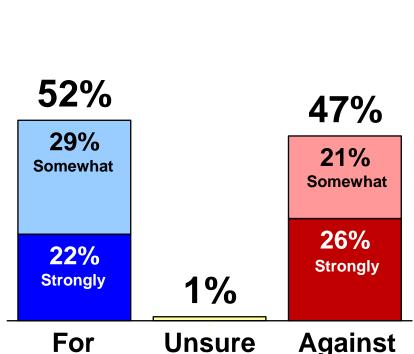
Q4. Prop B, the issuance of \$40 million in bonds for the purchase of instructional devices, which the ballot states is a property tax increase.



	Base		For / Strongly	TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	Against / Strongly	NET FOR
١	301	Total	20%	50%	46%	25%	4%
		SREGN - Sample Regions					
	90	Northeast	19%	47%	51%	34%	-4%
	77	Southeast	13%	51%	49%	18%	2%
	134	Southwest	25%	52%	41%	23%	11%
		D2 - Any children attending a					
		Conroe ISD school?					
	79	Yes	25%	60%	36%	17%	24%
ļ	222	No	18%	47%	50%	28%	-3%
		RAGE49 - Age					
	95	18-49	25%	60%	37%	17%	23%
	100	50-64	17%	50%	49%	25%	1%
	105	65 or older	19%	42%	53%	33%	-11%
		GENDER - Gender					
	139	Male 	20%	52%	47%	27%	4%
ļ	162	Female	20%	49%	45%	24%	4%
		RR9655 - Age / Gender	100/	5.407	4007	050/	201
	57	Male / 18-54	19%	54%	46%	25%	8%
	82	Male / 55+	21%	50%	48%	28%	2%
	75	Female / 18-54	24%	60%	36%	13%	24%
ŀ	87	Female / 55+	16%	41%	54%	33%	-13%
		RRRACE – Race & Ethnicity	040/	<b>5</b> 407	4507	0.407	00/
	222	Anglo	21%	51%	45%	24%	6%
	70	Non-Anglo	18%	50%	50%	24%	1%
ł	9	Refused  RPARTYTS - Partisan Vote	11%	32%	58%	58%	-25%
		Behavior					
	161	Republican	17%	44%	52%	28%	-8%
	82	Independent	18%	46%	52% 50%	30%	-6% -5%
	58	Democratic	32%	74%	25%	11%	50%
ł	30	RGPRIM3-Gen & Pri '18-'22	3270	7470	25%	1170	30%
	146	GOP	15%	45%	50%	30%	-5%
	112	Mixed	19%	51%	47%	24%	3%
	43	DEM	38%	68%	30%	11%	38%
ł	-10	RCEV3 - CE ELEC. 2019-22	3070	0070	0070	1170	3070
	170	Voted 1+	23%	49%	47%	28%	2%
	131	Voted 11	15%	52%	45%	21%	6%
ł		RRR1 - Vote local elections?	1070	0270	1070	2170	070
	105	All	25%	55%	44%	29%	11%
	111	Most	19%	51%	46%	26%	5%
	85	Some-None	14%	44%	50%	18%	-5%
İ		RR2 - Impression of Conroe					
		ISD					
	95	Positive / Strong	28%	<b>△</b> 57%	<b>36</b> %	15%	21%
	125	Positive / Somewhat	14%	51%	48%	25%	3%
	81	Not Positive	19%	42%	57%	36%	-15%
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#### **INITIAL AG BARN & GYM BALLOT**

Q5. Prop C, the issuance of \$113 million in bonds for construction and renovation of ag barn facilities and gymnasiums at elementary schools, which the ballot states is a property tax increase.

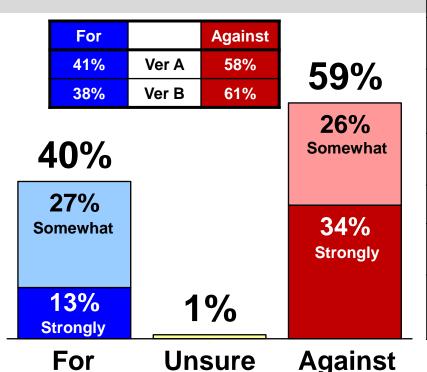


Base		For / Strongly	TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	Against / Strongly	NET FOR
301	Total	22%	52%	47%	26%	4%
	SREGN - Sample Regions					
90	Northeast	21%	49%	51%	34%	-2%
77	Southeast	20%	54%	45%	24%	9%
134	Southwest	25%	52%	46%	22%	6%
- 101	D2 - Any children attending a					5,70
	Conroe ISD school?					
79	Yes	23%	52%	46%	24%	6%
222	No	22%	51%	48%	27%	4%
	RAGE49 - Age					
95	18-49	26%	56%	42%	24%	14%
100	50-64	22%	53%	47%	27%	7%
105	65 or older	20%	45%	54%	28%	-8%
	GENDER - Gender				_3,0	2,0
139	Male	27%	55%	45%	29%	10%
162	Female	19%	48%	49%	24%	-1%
	RR9655 - Age / Gender	1370		7,0	= 170	.,,
57	Male / 18-54	26%	58%	42%	28%	16%
82	Male / 55+	27%	53%	47%	29%	6%
75	Female / 18-54	20%	54%	43%	22%	10%
87	Female / 55+	18%	44%	55%	25%	-11%
<u> </u>	RRRACE - Race & Ethnicity	.070	1170	5575	2070	,
222	Anglo	22%	52%	47%	24%	5%
70	Non-Anglo	25%	52%	46%	29%	7%
9	Refused	11%	32%	58%	58%	-25%
	RPARTYTS - Partisan Vote	, ,				
	Behavior					
161	Republican	20%	50%	50%	26%	1%
82	Independent	20%	49%	49%	32%	0%
58	Democratic	33%	59%	39%	18%	20%
	RGPRIM3-Gen & Pri '18-'22				,	
146	GOP	15%	43%	56%	28%	-12%
112	Mixed	26%	57%	41%	26%	16%
43	DEM	37%	65%	35%	19%	29%
	RCEV3 - CE ELEC. 2019-22	- /-			2,2	- , ,
170	Voted 1+	23%	52%	48%	26%	4%
131	Voted 0	22%	51%	47%	26%	5%
	RRR1 - Vote local elections?					
105	All	27%	50%	50%	31%	0%
111	Most	21%	56%	44%	22%	12%
85	Some-None	18%	48%	48%	25%	-1%
	RR2 - Impression of Conroe ISD					
95	Positive / Strong	33%	<b>△</b> 65%	34%	18%	31%
125	Positive / Somewhat	16%	47%	53%	25%	-5%
81	Not Positive	19%	42%	55%	38%	-12%

**Against Unsure** 

#### **INITIAL NATATORIUM BALLOT**

Q6. Prop D, the issuance of \$23 million in bonds for replacing the current natatorium's mechanical systems and construction of (Ver A: an outdoor swimming facility / Ver B: a practice pool at the new Conroe area high school), which the ballot states is a property tax increase.

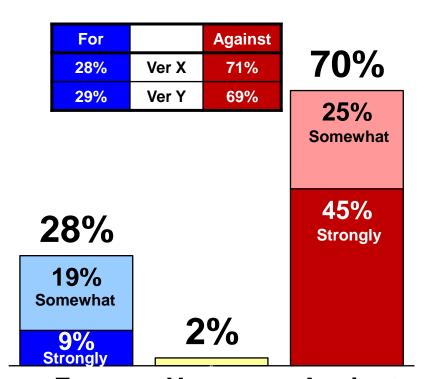


Base		For / Strongly	TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	Against / Strongly	NET FOR
301	Total	13%	40%	59%	34%	-20%
<del></del>	SREGN - Sample Regions	1070	1070	5575	0.170	2070
90	Northeast	6%	37%	63%	40%	-26%
77	Southeast	9%	37%	62%	33%	-25%
134	Southwest	19%	43%	55%	29%	-12%
	D2 - Any children attending a			5577		1=70
	Conroe ISD school?					
79	Yes	13%	40%	59%	30%	-20%
222	No	13%	40%	59%	35%	-20%
	RAGE49 - Age			2272		
95	18-49	17%	42%	56%	25%	-15%
100	50-64	7%	37%	63%	38%	-27%
105	65 or older	13%	40%	59%	38%	-19%
	GENDER - Gender					
139	Male	14%	43%	57%	36%	-14%
162	Female	11%	37%	61%	31%	-24%
	RR9655 - Age / Gender					
57	Male / 18-54	18%	42%	58%	34%	-17%
82	Male / 55+	12%	44%	56%	38%	-12%
75	Female / 18-54	11%	37%	60%	23%	-23%
87	Female / 55+	11%	36%	62%	38%	-26%
	RRRACE - Race & Ethnicity					
222	Anglo	11%	39%	60%	32%	-21%
70	Non-Anglo	16%	43%	56%	35%	-13%
9	Refused	24%	24%	66%	58%	-42%
	RPARTYTS - Partisan Vote					
	Behavior					
161	Republican	6%	32%	68%	34%	-36%
82	Independent	19%	42%	55%	37%	-13%
58	Democratic	21%	57%	41%	27%	15%
	RGPRIM3-Gen & Pri '18-'22					
146	GOP	6%	28%	71%	37%	-42%
112	Mixed	17%	48%	50%	32%	-3%
43	DEM	25%	57%	43%	27%	14%
	RCEV3 - CE ELEC. 2019-22					
170	Voted 1+	16%	41%	58%	32%	-18%
131	Voted 0	8%	38%	60%	36%	-22%
	RRR1 - Vote local elections?					
105	All	16%	40%	60%	40%	-20%
111	Most	12%	37%	63%	32%	-26%
85	Some-None	10%	43%	53%	28%	-11%
	RR2 - Impression of Conroe					
	ISD					
95	Positive / Strong	19%	<b>49%</b>	50%	24%	-1%
125	Positive / Somewhat	9%	40%	<b>√</b> 60%	36%	-19%
81	Not Positive	10%	28%	69%	42%	-42%
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**Against Unsure** 

#### **INITIAL ARTIFICIAL TURF BALLOT**

Q7. Prop E, the issuance of \$17.5 million in bonds for artificial turf at (Ver X: campus athletic facilities / Ver Y: baseball and softball fields), which the ballot states is a property tax increase.



Base		For / Strongly	TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	Against / Strongly	NET FOR
301	Total	9%	28%	70%	45%	-41%
	SREGN - Sample Regions					
90	Northeast	12%	28%	71%	49%	-43%
77	Southeast	5%	28%	69%	46%	-40%
134	Southwest	10%	29%	69%	40%	-40%
	D2 - Any children attending a					
	Conroe ISD school?					
79	Yes	9%	35%	64%	37%	-29%
222	No	9%	26%	72%	47%	-46%
	RAGE49 - Age					
95	18-49	11%	36%	63%	40%	-27%
100	50-64	8%	28%	71%	50%	-43%
105	65 or older	8%	23%	74%	45%	-52%
	GENDER - Gender					
139	Male	11%	30%	68%	44%	-39%
162	Female	7%	27%	71%	45%	-44%
	RR9655 - Age / Gender					
57	Male / 18-54	13%	39%	60%	42%	-20%
82	Male / 55+	10%	23%	74%	46%	-51%
75	Female / 18-54	7%	30%	70%	40%	-40%
87	Female / 55+	8%	25%	72%	49%	-47%
	RRRACE - Race & Ethnicity					
222	Anglo	8%	26%	72%	45%	-45%
70	Non-Anglo	10%	35%	63%	43%	-28%
9	Refused	23%	23%	77%	45%	-53%
	RPARTYTS - Partisan Vote					
	Behavior					
161	Republican	7%	29%	71%	43%	-42%
82	Independent	10%	23%	72%	49%	-50%
58	Democratic	13%	34%	63%	41%	-28%
	RGPRIM3-Gen & Pri '18-'22					
146	GOP	6%	22%	76%	47%	-54%
112	Mixed	9%	33%	65%	43%	-32%
43	DEM	20%	38%	62%	40%	-24%
	RCEV3 - CE ELEC. 2019-22					
170	Voted 1+	9%	27%	71%	45%	-44%
131	Voted 0	9%	30%	68%	44%	-38%
	RRR1 - Vote local elections?					
105	All	11%	27%	70%	47%	-42%
111	Most	8%	26%	73%	46%	-47%
85	Some-None	8%	33%	65%	40%	-32%
	RR2 - Impression of Conroe					
	ISD					
95	Positive / Strong	15%	A1%	56%	29%	-15%
125	Positive / Somewhat	6%	26%	73%	48%	-47%
81	Not Positive	6%	17%	× 80%	57%	-63%

For Unsure Against

### **BOND PROJECTS AND ELEMENTS**

60% Threshold Met

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bond	am going to tell you about some projects or elements of Prop A, the of \$1.8 billion for general items. Please tell me if you strongly favor, what favor, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose that project or element.	Strongly Favor	Strongly Oppose	Total Favor	Total Oppose	No diff / Unsure	Net Favor
	Currently the district's schools have a collective capacity of 103%			60%+	<30%	10%	
	and some schools are at 140% capacity. Without new schools,			00701	10070	1070	
	campuses will get more overcrowded, and class sizes will	ECO/	420/	(700/)	200/	00/	. <b>50</b> 0/
Q8	increase. This bond will help alleviate overcrowding in schools.	56%	13%	79%	20%	0%	+59%
	Conroe ISD is one of the fastest growing districts in the state,			1 1			
	adding 6,000 students over the last two years alone and it is			1 i			
	projected to grow by another 15,000 over the next five years. This			1 1			
	bond will allow for the construction of new schools and			1 1			
	expansions to existing schools to accommodate current and	<b>E20</b> /	11%	78%	240/	0%	+57%
Q9	projected growth.	<b>52%</b>	1170	70%	21%	U%	+37%
	This bond could allow for life cycle replacements to essential			1 1			
	school building infrastructure such as heating and air conditioning			1 i			
	systems, roofing, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems at			1 1			
	schools where they are beyond their 20 year useful life and			1 1			
	provide replacements and upgrades to technology infrastructure			i :			
	components that ensure continued speed, reliability and security	<b>53%</b>	11%	84%	16%	0%	+68%
Q10	of the network that are beyond their useful life.	3370	1170	04 /0	10%	U 70	+00%
	The legislature just provided schools with some funding for safety			1 i			
	and security. This bond includes additional funding for security			1 1			
	needs not funded by the state such as upgrading perimeter			1 1			
	fencing, enhancing fire alarms, adding protective window glazing,			1 1			
	and updating surveillance cameras and emergency	620/	00/	87%	420/	<b>0</b> 0/	. 720/
Q11	communication systems throughout the district.	63%	8%	0/ 70	13%	0%	+73%
	The bond could allow for the purchase of new buses to			1 1			
040	accommodate new routes and the growing student enrollment and	49%	14%	77%	220/	0%	+54%
Q12	to replace buses that are at the end of their useful life cycle.	4570	1470	7770	23%	U70	+34%
	This bond could allow for major renovations and campus						
	reconfigurations at seven existing schools to update and refresh	200/	120/	770/	220/	10/	. 5.40/
Q13	aging facilities.	38%	12%	77%	23%	1%	+54%

### MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BONDS

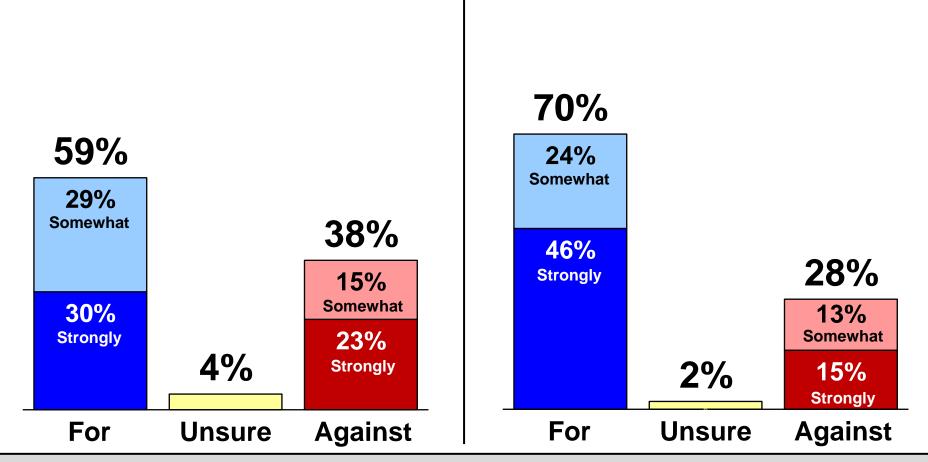
ti ti	Now I would like to tell you some more information relating to these bond proposals. For each item I read, please tell me if that information makes you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose bonds for Conroe ISD.	Strongly Favor	Strongly Oppose	Total Favor	Total Oppose	No diff / Unsure	Net Favor
	If all props pass, they will increase property tax rates by two cents which equates to (Ver X: \$62 per year / Ver Y: approximately \$5 per month) on the average home, which is valued at \$350,000.	44%	17%	73%	27%	0%	X: +41% Y: +51% +46%
	However, current state law will reduce the school property taxes by five and a half cents, so if the bonds pass there will be a NET REDUCTION of three and a half cents which equates to approximately (Ver X: \$108 per year / Ver Y: \$9 per month) less in property	<b>55</b> 0/	11%	81%	18%	1%	X: +61% Y: +66%
	taxes on the average home.  Existing state law places a ceiling on property tax rates	55%	1170	0170	1070	170	+64%
	of homeowners 65 years of age or older. Seniors who						
	file for this freeze can also receive an additional	, 					
_	\$15,000 exemption on their home's assessed value from Conroe ISD.	<b>65</b> %	6%	87%	12%	2%	+75%
	School districts do not receive state funding to build new schools, instead these funds must come from voter approved bonds, which simply allow the district to borrow money for needed projects and pay it back over time, much like a mortgage.	37%	16%	74%	26%	0%	+48%
	A diverse steering committee of 150 citizens, parents,						
	business owners, campus personnel and students met	, 					
	to study and prioritize the district's needs of nearly \$3 billion, and this bond proposal of \$1.995 billion is	, 					
	based on their recommendations that address growth	, 					
	projections and the district's greatest needs.	30%	14%	68%	30%	3%	+38%

#### **INITIAL GENERAL BALLOT**

Q3. Prop A, the issuance of \$1.8 billion in bonds to construct, renovate, and equip school buildings, and purchase land and buses, which the ballot states is a property tax increase.

#### **INFORMED GENERAL BALLOT**

Q19. Having heard more about it would you vote for or against Prop A, the issuance of \$1.8 billion in bonds to construct, renovate, and equip school buildings, and purchase land and buses, which the ballot states is a property tax increase?

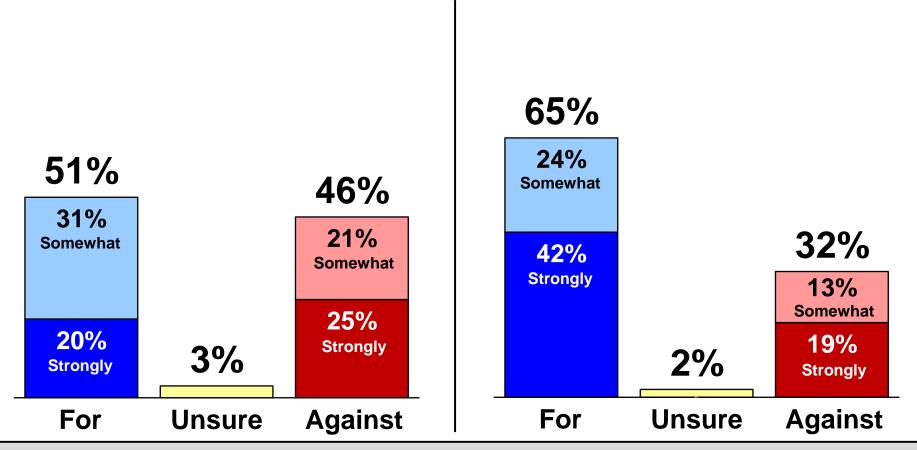


#### **INITIAL TECH BALLOT**

Q4. Prop B, the issuance of \$40 million in bonds for the purchase of instructional devices, which the ballot states is a property tax increase.

#### INFORMED TECH BALLOT

Q20. Technology has become a vital element to instruction and the district has over 50,000 student devices that need to be updated on a regular basis. Bonds that fund technology devices are paid off within five years. Hearing this, would you vote for or against Prop B, the issuance of \$40 million in bonds, for the purchase of instructional devices, which the ballot states is a property tax increase?

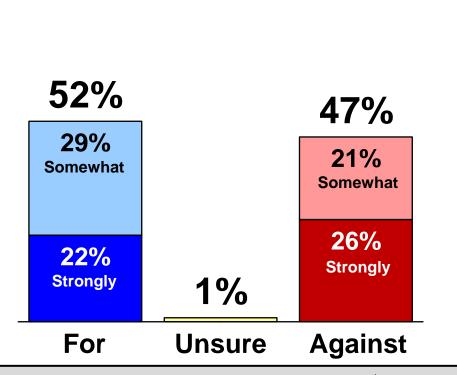


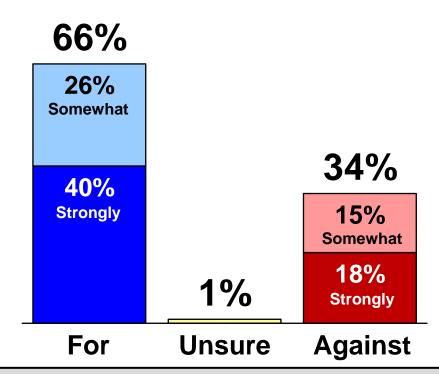
#### INITIAL AG BARN & GYM BALLOT

Q5. Prop C, the issuance of \$113 million in bonds for construction and renovation of ag barn facilities and gymnasiums at elementary schools, which the ballot states is a property tax increase.

#### **INFORMED AG BARN & GYM BALLOT**

Q21. Currently, 16 of the district's elementary schools do not have gymnasiums and must use cafeterias for P.E. classes, creating scheduling conflicts and limiting P.E. time. Additionally, the district's ag program is popular with students but existing facilities are undersized and outdated, and there is no facility serving the Conroe and Caney Creek feeders. Hearing more, would you vote for or against Prop C, the issuance of \$113 million in bonds, for the construction of gymnasiums at 16 elementary schools and the construction and renovation of Ag Barn Facilities, which the ballot states is a property tax increase?



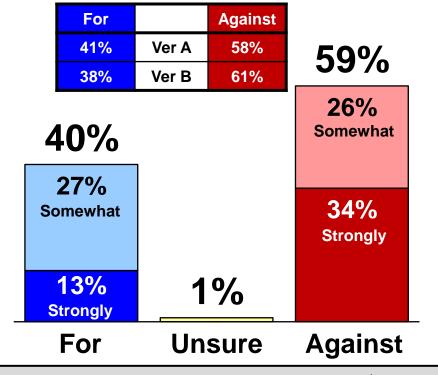


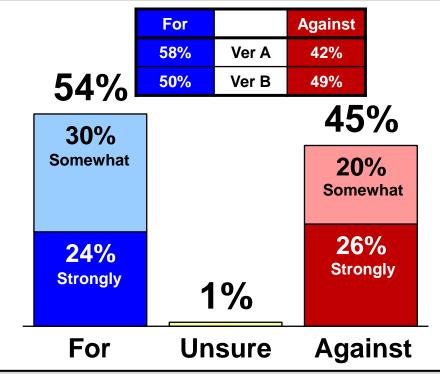
#### INITIAL NATATORIUM BALLOT

Q6. Prop D, the issuance of \$23 million in bonds for replacing the current natatorium's mechanical systems and construction of (Ver A: an outdoor swimming facility / Ver B: a practice pool at the new Conroe area high school), which the ballot states is a property tax increase.

#### **INFORMED NATATORIUM BALLOT**

Q22. The district's natatorium infrastructure is aging and the pool is undersized at eight lanes of water to meet the needs of six high school swim programs as other districts with fewer high schools have two to three times more lanes. Would you vote for or against Prop D, the issuance of \$23 million in bonds for replacing the current natatorium's mechanical systems and (Ver A: adding an outdoor practice pool next to the natatorium / Ver B: building an indoor practice facility in another part of the district) to accommodate and expand student participation, which the ballot states is a property tax increase?





#### INITIAL ARTIFICIAL TURF BALLOT

Q7. Prop E, the issuance of \$17.5 million in bonds for artificial turf at (Ver X: campus athletic facilities / Ver Y: baseball and softball fields), which the ballot states is a property tax increase.

#### INFORMED ARTIFICIAL TURF BALLOT

Q23. Currently baseball and softball fields at five of the district's six high schools have natural grass which limits use, particularly after rain. Tens of thousands of dollars are spent each year resodding and sustaining fields. Would you vote for or against Prop E, the issuance of \$17.5 million in bonds, to install artificial turf on baseball and softball fields in order to allow for year-round, continuous access to these fields, which the ballot states is a property tax increase?

