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**CALIFORNIA HAS A HOUSING CRISIS,
78 PERCENT OF VOTERS TELL QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL;
EARTHQUAKES WILL NOT DRIVE THEM OUT, 92 PERCENT SAY**

California has a housing crisis, 78 percent of Golden State voters, both renters and homeowners, say in a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

Every listed party, gender, racial, regional and age group, including 75 percent of homeowners and 84 percent of those who rent their home, agree there is a housing crisis, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

California voters support 74 – 20 percent, including 52 – 37 percent among Republicans, building more housing for low-income people in the state.

And voters support 71 – 23 percent, including a divided 49 – 42 percent among Republicans, building more housing for low income people in their community.

Homelessness is a “very serious” problem in California, 82 percent of voters say, as 15 percent say it’s a “somewhat serious” problem.

Only 17 percent of California voters say the homeless are to blame for their situation, while 59 percent say homelessness is due to factors beyond the control of the homeless.

The cost of housing in California is a major cause of homelessness, voters say 59 – 36 percent. Republicans are divided as 42 percent say the cost of housing is a major cause of homelessness, while 49 percent say no. Every other listed party, gender, racial, regional and age group agrees that housing costs are a major cause of homelessness.

California is doing too little to help homeless people, 67 percent of voters, including 63 percent of Republicans, say. Another 7 percent say the state is doing too much and 17 percent say state efforts to help the homeless are “about the right amount.”

“There is enormous concern over the state’s spiraling homeless issue, but there is empathy, as California voters do not blame the homeless for their living situation. In fact, voters believe the homeless aren’t getting the support they need,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

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Only 53 percent of California voters, including 40 percent of voters 18 to 34 years old, say they can afford to live in the Golden State.

Earthquakes

Some 72 percent of California voters are concerned there will be a major earthquake that will affect their community sometime in their lifetime. By region, this concern ranges from 57 percent of voters living inland or in the Valley to 80 percent in Los Angeles County.

Only 52 percent of voters, including 49 percent of voters in Los Angeles County, think they are adequately prepared to deal with a major earthquake.

But 92 percent of California voters say recent earthquakes do not make them consider moving out of the Golden State.

“A large majority of California voters are very worried about earthquakes, but half of them say they are not prepared to deal with one and virtually no one plans to pick up roots and head elsewhere,” Malloy said.

Governor’s Job Approval

California voters give Gov. Gavin Newsom a divided 39 – 38 percent job approval rating, down from a 40 – 33 percent approval rating April 11.

Today, Democrats approve 67 – 11 percent. Disapproval is 76 – 6 percent among Republicans and 46 – 36 percent among independent voters. By region, the governor gets his worst score, a 44 – 31 percent disapproval, in Southern California. His best score, a 59 – 28 percent approval, comes in the Bay Area.

Sen. Diane Feinstein also gets a split 41 – 41 percent approval rating, down from a 47 – 37 percent approval April 11.

Horse Racing

California voters oppose 24 – 17 percent a ban on horse racing in the state. Another 57 percent have no opinion.

From July 10 – 15, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,125 California voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.9 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts gold standard surveys using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones. The Quinnipiac University Poll conducts nationwide surveys and polls in more than a dozen states on national and statewide elections, as well as public policy issues.

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11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Gavin Newsom is handling his job as governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Approve	39%	6%	67%	36%	38%	40%	39%	38%	
Disapprove	38	76	11	46	42	34	41	34	
DK/NA	24	18	22	19	20	26	19	28	
AREA.....									
		Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	41%	34%	59%	38%	31%	32%	36%	47%	43%
Disapprove	38	45	28	30	44	31	41	37	41
DK/NA	20	21	13	31	25	36	24	16	17

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Diane Feinstein is handling her job as United States Senator?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Approve	41%	12%	68%	35%	37%	44%	42%	34%	
Disapprove	41	73	19	49	45	38	45	42	
DK/NA	18	15	13	16	18	18	13	24	
AREA.....									
		Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	40%	37%	60%	38%	35%	36%	37%	46%	44%
Disapprove	45	48	27	36	48	31	46	43	48
DK/NA	15	15	13	26	17	33	18	11	8

16. Do you feel like you can afford to live in California, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Yes	53%	48%	60%	54%	57%	50%	57%	48%	
No	45	48	38	45	42	48	40	51	
DK/NA	2	4	2	1	1	3	3	-	
AREA.....									
		Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	49%	45%	55%	56%	56%	40%	46%	58%	68%
No	49	51	44	43	42	58	53	41	27
DK/NA	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	5

HOUSING STATUS

Own Rent

Yes	68%	36%
No	30	63
DK/NA	2	1

17. Do you think that there is a housing crisis in California, or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes/Housing crisis	78%	67%	90%	73%	72%	84%	78%	81%
No	15	21	6	22	22	9	15	15
DK/NA	7	12	4	5	6	7	7	4

AREA.....

	Coastl	Inlnd/ Valley	Bay Area	L.A. County	Sthrn Cali	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Housing crisis	84%	77%	84%	84%	68%	81%	78%	78%	72%
No	13	17	13	8	22	14	18	14	17
DK/NA	3	6	3	8	9	5	4	8	12

HOUSING STATUS

	Own	Rent
Yes/Housing crisis	75%	84%
No	18	10
DK/NA	7	6

18. Do you support or oppose building more housing for low income people in California?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Support	74%	52%	90%	71%	70%	78%	73%	78%
Oppose	20	37	8	22	24	16	20	19
DK/NA	6	11	2	7	6	6	7	3

AREA.....

	Coastl	Inlnd/ Valley	Bay Area	L.A. County	Sthrn Cali	AGE IN 18-34	YRS..... 35-49	50-64	65+
Support	71%	74%	81%	74%	70%	76%	76%	73%	72%
Oppose	22	17	14	19	25	19	20	21	19
DK/NA	7	9	5	6	5	5	4	6	9

HOUSING STATUS

	Own	Rent
Support	67%	85%
Oppose	26	12
DK/NA	8	3

19. Do you support or oppose building more housing for low income people in your community?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Support	71%	49%	86%	69%	67%	75%	71%	75%
Oppose	23	42	10	26	28	19	24	20
DK/NA	6	9	4	4	5	7	5	5

AREA.....

		Inlnd/ Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....			
	Coastl	Valley Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Support	71%	74%	78%	70%	67%	76%	70%	71%	70%
Oppose	24	18	16	26	26	19	29	23	20
DK/NA	5	8	6	3	7	5	1	6	10

HOUSING STATUS

	Own	Rent
Support	63%	83%
Oppose	31	13
DK/NA	6	4

20. In general, how serious a problem do you think homelessness is in California; a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not a problem at all?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Very serious	82%	82%	81%	84%	78%	86%	82%	87%
Smwht serious	15	14	18	13	18	12	16	11
Not very serious	2	3	1	2	3	1	1	2
Not at all	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-

AREA.....

		Inlnd/ Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....			
	Coastl	Valley Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Very serious	81%	85%	79%	82%	82%	78%	86%	82%	83%
Smwht serious	15	13	17	16	14	18	13	15	14
Not very serious	4	1	3	-	2	4	1	-	2
Not at all	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	1
DK/NA	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	1

21. Do you think that homeless people are generally to blame for their situation or is it mostly due to factors beyond their control?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Blame	17%	29%	5%	24%	22%	12%	21%	11%	
Beyond control	59	43	81	49	54	63	57	63	
DK/NA	24	28	15	27	23	25	22	26	
AREA.....									
		Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Blame	21%	22%	10%	15%	17%	17%	20%	15%	16%
Beyond control	63	51	65	63	57	62	54	65	58
DK/NA	16	27	25	23	26	20	25	19	26

22. Would you say that the cost of housing in California is a major cause of homelessness, or wouldn't you say that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Yes/Major cause	59%	42%	67%	61%	56%	61%	57%	61%	
No	36	49	27	36	40	32	37	35	
DK/NA	6	9	6	3	5	7	6	4	
AREA.....									
		Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Major cause	67%	55%	69%	54%	56%	66%	56%	58%	56%
No	30	40	24	39	39	31	40	36	34
DK/NA	3	5	8	7	5	3	5	6	11

23. Do you think California is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount to help homeless people?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Too much	7%	12%	2%	9%	10%	4%	7%	5%	
Too little	67	63	73	62	61	72	66	74	
About right	17	15	18	19	19	15	16	16	
DK/NA	9	10	6	10	10	9	10	4	
AREA.....									
		Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Too much	6%	8%	9%	6%	6%	4%	8%	7%	7%
Too little	71	66	63	66	70	70	66	71	62
About right	18	17	18	15	17	18	17	16	19
DK/NA	5	9	10	13	8	8	9	6	12

24. Do you support or oppose a ban on horse racing in California, or don't you have an opinion about that?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Support	17%	12%	21%	12%	14%	19%	18%	16%	
Oppose	24	34	20	23	24	25	25	26	
No opinion	57	52	57	63	60	54	54	57	
DK/NA	2	1	2	1	2	2	3	1	
AREA.....									
		Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Support	13%	11%	13%	23%	17%	17%	18%	17%	15%
Oppose	23	22	20	23	30	22	30	26	21
No opinion	62	62	65	52	52	59	50	55	61
DK/NA	1	4	2	2	1	2	2	2	3

25. Do you think that you are adequately prepared to deal with a major earthquake, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Yes/Prepared	52%	61%	44%	55%	55%	50%	61%	46%	
No	45	38	53	44	43	47	38	52	
DK/NA	2	1	3	1	2	2	2	3	
AREA.....									
		Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Prepared	50%	54%	50%	49%	57%	45%	50%	60%	56%
No	48	44	47	49	40	54	48	39	42
DK/NA	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	2

26. Are you concerned that there will be a major earthquake that will affect your community in your lifetime, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp	
Yes/Concerned	72%	64%	80%	70%	65%	77%	61%	82%	
No	25	30	17	26	33	18	34	16	
DK/NA	4	6	3	3	2	5	5	2	
AREA.....									
		Inlnd/	Bay	L.A.	Sthrn	AGE IN	YRS.....		
	Coastl	Valley	Area	County	Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Concerned	74%	57%	73%	80%	73%	80%	72%	67%	66%
No	24	37	24	17	24	18	24	32	27
DK/NA	3	6	3	3	4	2	4	1	7

27. Have the recent earthquakes made you consider moving out of California, or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Hsp
Yes	6%	5%	8%	7%	6%	7%	5%	9%
No	92	93	92	92	94	91	94	90
DK/NA	1	2	-	1	-	2	1	1

	AREA.....				AGE IN YRS.....				
	Coastl	Inlnd/ Valley	Bay Area	L.A. County	Sthrn Cali	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	4%	8%	4%	6%	7%	13%	4%	5%	3%
No	96	92	94	92	91	87	95	95	94
DK/NA	-	-	2	2	2	1	2	-	3