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**NEW YORK CITY VOTERS DIVIDED ON PAYING FIRST LADY,  
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;  
VOTERS WANT MAYOR, COUNCIL TO HAVE EQUAL POWER**

New York City voters approve 43 – 28 percent of the job First Lady Chirlane McCray is doing and are divided 46 – 45 percent on whether she should be paid for her city work, according to a Quinnipiac University Poll released today.

There is not much of a gender gap, but a substantial racial gap on whether Ms. McCray should be paid, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds. Men are split 45 – 47 percent on paying the First Lady, and women support paying her by a thin 48 – 43 percent. Support for paying McCray is 61 – 33 percent among black voters and 49 – 41 percent among Hispanic voters. White voters oppose paying her 57 – 35 percent.

New York City voters approve 48 – 38 percent of the job Mayor Bill de Blasio is doing, his lowest grade since a 45 – 46 percent approval rating in a January 18, 2017 survey.

Looking at the mayor’s qualities, voters say:

- 50 – 39 percent that he is honest and trustworthy;
- 51 – 43 percent that he has strong leadership qualities;
- 50 – 42 percent the he understands their problems.

New York City voters approve 56 – 37 percent of the job Gov. Andrew Cuomo is doing and say 58 – 22 percent that he would be better for the city than Cynthia Nixon. Democrats say 64 – 21 percent that Cuomo would be better.

“New York City voters like First Lady Chirlane McCray, but they’re apparently of mixed opinion about giving her a paycheck,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“Gov. Andrew Cuomo is much better for the city than his high profile challenger, Cynthia Nixon. Again, the governor has a higher job approval rating than Mayor Bill de Blasio.

“New Yorkers to Mayor de Blasio and Gov. Cuomo, ‘Yeah, we know you don’t get along, but knock it off for the good of the city.’”

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Gov. Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio are involved in a “personal feud” 47 percent of New York City voters say, while 40 percent believe they have “honest disagreements.”

Either way, 60 percent of voters say the conflict hurts the city, while 9 percent say it helps the city and 25 percent say it makes no difference.

In this conflict, New York City voters agree more with Cuomo than de Blasio 38 – 32 percent. Democrats agree more with de Blasio 40 – 33 percent.

### **Mayor and City Council**

The mayor and the New York City Council should have equal power governing the city, 71 percent of voters say, as 18 percent want the mayor to have more power and 7 percent want the City Council to have more power.

Voters approve 43 – 15 percent of the job newly elected City Council Speaker Corey Johnson is doing, an approval rating Melissa Mark-Viverito achieved only once in her four years as Council Speaker. Approval ratings for other citywide leaders are:

- 53 – 18 percent for Police Commissioner James O’Neill;
- 46 – 19 percent for Public Advocate Letitia James;
- 55 – 19 percent for City Comptroller Scott Stringer, close to his highest rating ever.

New York City voters disapprove 76 – 19 percent of the job President Donald Trump is doing.

Voters approve 52 – 37 percent of the way de Blasio is handling the Police Department, but he gets mixed or negative grades for handling other issues:

- A divided 43 – 46 percent for handling the public schools;
- 26 – 60 percent for handling public housing projects;
- 31 – 56 percent for handling affordable housing;
- Split 40 – 40 percent for handling taxes;
- 28 – 62 percent for handling poverty and homelessness.

From March 22 – 27, Quinnipiac University surveyed 955 New York City voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.1 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

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

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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill de Blasio is handling his job as Mayor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	48%	10%	60%	38%	48%	48%	35%	60%	55%
Disapprove	38	75	27	50	40	38	54	26	31
DK/NA	13	15	13	13	12	15	10	14	15

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	48%	48%	53%	47%	34%	45%	54%	45%	46%
Disapprove	35	38	34	39	61	37	34	44	39
DK/NA	16	14	13	14	4	17	11	11	15

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way James O'Neill is handling his job as Police Commissioner?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	53%	54%	53%	56%	56%	51%	58%	61%	48%
Disapprove	18	26	15	21	21	16	13	20	24
DK/NA	28	20	32	24	23	33	29	19	28

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	48%	56%	53%	53%	60%	38%	54%	56%	63%
Disapprove	26	19	13	19	14	22	21	21	12
DK/NA	26	26	34	28	26	40	24	23	26

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Letitia James is handling her job as Public Advocate?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	46%	23%	52%	48%	47%	46%	40%	66%	39%
Disapprove	19	39	13	24	23	17	24	13	22
DK/NA	34	38	34	28	30	37	36	21	39

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	38%	59%	42%	41%	44%	48%	49%	46%	46%
Disapprove	22	14	17	27	20	14	20	22	23
DK/NA	40	27	41	32	36	38	31	32	31

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Corey Johnson is handling his job as City Council Speaker?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	43%	32%	49%	40%	42%	43%	36%	55%	48%
Disapprove	15	31	7	22	20	12	20	13	16
DK/NA	42	37	44	38	38	45	44	32	36

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	38%	50%	44%	36%	38%	44%	49%	43%	37%
Disapprove	21	14	10	18	14	16	17	16	14
DK/NA	41	35	46	45	47	40	34	40	48

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Scott Stringer is handling his job as City Comptroller?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	55%	45%	61%	53%	59%	52%	58%	62%	47%
Disapprove	19	26	12	23	19	20	18	18	25
DK/NA	26	29	26	24	22	29	23	20	28

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	43%	61%	57%	54%	53%	42%	58%	59%	65%
Disapprove	24	14	20	21	23	24	18	22	14
DK/NA	33	25	23	25	24	34	24	19	21

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Andrew Cuomo is handling his job as Governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	56%	35%	64%	51%	53%	59%	49%	64%	63%
Disapprove	37	61	29	45	42	33	47	29	29
DK/NA	6	3	7	4	5	8	4	7	8

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	57%	61%	52%	57%	43%	50%	59%	60%	56%
Disapprove	37	32	41	36	54	41	39	35	35
DK/NA	5	6	7	8	3	9	3	5	9

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	19%	72%	6%	27%	23%	16%	30%	7%	16%
Disapprove	76	21	92	66	72	80	68	89	83
DK/NA	4	7	2	7	5	4	2	4	1

AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....  
 Brnx Bklyn Man Qns StIsl 18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Approve	16%	24%	12%	18%	34%	14%	21%	18%	22%
Disapprove	82	70	87	75	62	82	75	78	73
DK/NA	3	5	1	8	4	4	4	4	5

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chirlane McCray is handling her job as First Lady of New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	43%	27%	49%	40%	44%	42%	39%	57%	47%
Disapprove	28	52	21	33	28	28	34	23	29
DK/NA	28	21	29	26	27	29	26	20	24

AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....  
 Brnx Bklyn Man Qns StIsl 18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Approve	43%	50%	46%	34%	35%	40%	44%	49%	42%
Disapprove	33	22	23	37	35	25	29	28	34
DK/NA	24	28	30	30	30	34	27	23	23

9. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in New York City today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Very satisfied	7%	4%	9%	4%	9%	5%	6%	7%	10%
Smwht satisfied	45	35	51	41	48	43	46	48	44
Smwht dissatisfied	28	24	26	36	23	33	29	29	23
Very dissatisfied	18	37	12	20	19	18	20	16	21
DK/NA	1	-	2	1	1	2	-	1	3

AREA..... AGE IN YRS.....  
 Brnx Bklyn Man Qns StIsl 18-34 35-49 50-64 65+

Very satisfied	6%	5%	11%	5%	7%	7%	5%	7%	10%
Smwht satisfied	41	51	45	40	46	38	52	45	43
Smwht dissatisfied	30	27	26	33	19	36	27	26	25
Very dissatisfied	22	17	14	20	28	17	15	21	21
DK/NA	1	1	3	1	-	3	-	1	1

10. Thinking about the election for governor this year, who do you think would be better for New York City as Governor: Andrew Cuomo or Cynthia Nixon?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Cuomo	58%	49%	64%	55%	56%	59%	56%	66%	60%
Nixon	22	19	21	26	25	20	23	19	26
DK/NA	20	32	16	20	19	21	21	14	14

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Cuomo	63%	61%	50%	58%	55%	51%	55%	63%	64%
Nixon	15	23	25	21	28	34	26	16	13
DK/NA	23	16	24	21	17	15	19	21	22

11. Who should have more power in governing New York City: the Mayor, the City Council or both equally?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Mayor	18%	31%	17%	19%	21%	16%	19%	16%	14%
City Council	7	11	6	9	9	5	10	3	6
Both equally	71	55	76	67	65	76	67	77	77
DK/NA	4	4	2	5	5	3	4	4	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Mayor	14%	19%	22%	17%	19%	6%	21%	26%	16%
City Council	4	8	6	8	8	6	6	7	8
Both equally	76	69	72	70	72	84	70	65	72
DK/NA	6	4	1	5	1	4	3	2	4

12. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - has strong leadership qualities or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	51%	20%	62%	42%	50%	52%	36%	70%	52%
No	43	78	34	52	44	43	60	26	41
DK/NA	5	2	4	7	5	5	4	3	7

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	57%	52%	52%	50%	36%	53%	59%	44%	48%
No	40	43	42	44	60	41	36	51	48
DK/NA	3	5	6	6	4	6	6	5	4

13. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - understands the problems of people like you or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	50%	24%	60%	44%	52%	50%	41%	64%	50%
No	42	72	32	51	42	42	56	30	41
DK/NA	7	4	8	5	6	9	4	6	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	45%	55%	52%	51%	38%	43%	62%	49%	50%
No	46	39	38	43	61	49	30	48	44
DK/NA	9	7	10	7	2	7	9	3	5

14. Would you say that Bill de Blasio - is honest and trustworthy or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	50%	22%	62%	39%	50%	51%	40%	63%	51%
No	39	70	28	49	42	36	52	28	36
DK/NA	11	7	11	12	8	13	8	8	12

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	48%	50%	54%	50%	41%	48%	59%	47%	46%
No	39	37	35	40	55	41	34	44	39
DK/NA	13	13	11	9	3	11	8	9	15

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - the police department?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	52%	29%	60%	46%	49%	55%	50%	61%	48%
Disapprove	37	67	28	45	43	32	43	36	37
DK/NA	11	3	12	8	7	13	7	4	15

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	47%	52%	59%	53%	43%	46%	55%	51%	57%
Disapprove	43	38	28	36	55	40	37	39	34
DK/NA	10	10	13	11	2	13	8	10	9

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - the public schools?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	43%	25%	49%	40%	47%	39%	38%	55%	38%
Disapprove	46	64	41	49	42	49	47	39	52
DK/NA	11	11	10	12	11	12	15	6	10

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	34%	51%	42%	40%	37%	41%	47%	41%	39%
Disapprove	53	38	44	51	53	52	44	48	45
DK/NA	13	10	14	9	9	7	9	10	16

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - public housing projects for low income people?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	26%	18%	28%	24%	29%	24%	24%	28%	25%
Disapprove	60	72	58	62	58	62	63	63	62
DK/NA	14	10	14	14	13	14	13	9	12

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	23%	28%	29%	26%	21%	25%	31%	24%	23%
Disapprove	64	57	58	61	69	61	55	66	63
DK/NA	13	15	14	14	10	14	13	10	14

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - affordable housing for low and middle income people?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	31%	19%	36%	25%	32%	30%	26%	38%	26%
Disapprove	56	68	51	61	55	56	60	54	65
DK/NA	14	13	13	14	13	14	13	9	9

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	27%	31%	35%	31%	20%	22%	37%	32%	28%
Disapprove	68	52	53	53	60	62	52	57	57
DK/NA	4	17	12	16	20	16	11	11	15



19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - taxes?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	40%	19%	47%	36%	41%	40%	36%	48%	37%
Disapprove	40	72	31	47	44	37	47	35	39
DK/NA	20	9	22	17	15	23	17	17	24

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	39%	42%	43%	38%	30%	38%	45%	41%	39%
Disapprove	42	39	34	44	54	40	39	45	40
DK/NA	19	19	23	18	16	22	16	15	21

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mayor de Blasio is handling - poverty and homelessness?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Approve	28%	16%	32%	26%	27%	30%	25%	37%	22%
Disapprove	62	77	58	67	64	61	67	57	68
DK/NA	9	7	10	7	9	10	8	6	10

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Approve	27%	33%	26%	28%	18%	24%	31%	29%	27%
Disapprove	63	56	68	61	76	68	59	66	63
DK/NA	9	11	7	11	6	8	10	5	10

21. Do you think First Lady Chirlane McCray should be paid if she is doing work for New York City or don't you think so?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/Paid	46%	36%	51%	45%	45%	48%	35%	61%	49%
No	45	58	41	48	47	43	57	33	41
DK/NA	9	6	8	8	8	9	8	6	10

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/Paid	50%	51%	50%	36%	42%	61%	50%	45%	32%
No	43	42	39	54	47	31	43	47	58
DK/NA	7	7	11	10	11	8	7	8	10

31. Who do you think most closely represents your political views: Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, or neither?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Cuomo	29%	15%	33%	30%	27%	30%	30%	28%	31%
de Blasio	21	13	29	12	21	22	22	26	19
Neither	44	72	32	54	49	40	47	44	40
DK/NA	6	-	7	3	2	8	2	3	11

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Cuomo	25%	29%	27%	33%	25%	24%	26%	34%	33%	
de Blasio	15	21	28	22	12	23	24	19	23	
Neither	50	45	38	41	61	44	46	43	40	
DK/NA	10	5	6	4	3	9	4	3	5	

32. Do you believe Governor Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio are involved in a personal feud or do you believe they have honest disagreements about what's best for New York City?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Personal feud	47%	53%	40%	61%	52%	43%	57%	44%	40%
Honest disagreements	40	31	48	26	39	40	34	45	39
DK/NA	13	17	12	12	8	17	9	10	21

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Personal feud	38%	49%	50%	48%	45%	44%	49%	49%	48%	
Honest disagreements	45	40	39	38	39	46	36	40	39	
DK/NA	17	12	11	14	16	10	15	11	13	

33. Thinking about this conflict, do you agree more with de Blasio or more with Cuomo?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	32%	14%	40%	26%	36%	29%	28%	36%	36%
Cuomo	38	58	33	44	39	37	43	30	40
DK/NA	30	28	27	30	25	34	28	34	24

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
de Blasio	26%	30%	40%	33%	26%	36%	38%	28%	31%	
Cuomo	40	40	26	42	51	37	35	45	38	
DK/NA	34	30	34	26	23	27	27	27	31	

34. Does the conflict between Cuomo and de Blasio help New York City, hurt New York City, or doesn't it make a difference?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Help NYC	9%	11%	8%	10%	10%	8%	8%	6%	14%
Hurt NYC	60	62	63	57	62	58	69	60	50
No difference	25	24	22	32	24	26	21	31	28
DK/NA	6	3	7	2	4	8	3	3	8

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Help NYC	12%	10%	11%	7%	5%	15%	9%	5%	7%
Hurt NYC	58	61	60	62	57	53	66	64	59
No difference	26	26	22	25	31	25	22	28	27
DK/NA	5	4	8	7	7	8	3	3	7