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**DE BLASIO SURGES PAST 40% IN NEW YORK CITY MAYORAL RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
QUINN, THOMPSON BATTLE FOR RUNOFF SPOT – IF THERE IS ONE**

With 47 percent of black voters and 44 percent of women voters, New York City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio surges to 43 percent of likely voters in the Democratic primary for mayor, passing the 40 percent cutoff and possibly avoiding a runoff, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Former City Comptroller and 2009 Democratic nominee William Thompson is at 20 percent, with 18 percent for City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, 7 percent for former U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, 4 percent for Comptroller John Liu, 1 percent for former Council member Sal Albanese and 8 percent undecided.

This compares to results of an August 28 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University which showed de Blasio at 36 percent, with 21 percent for Quinn, 20 percent for Thompson, 8 percent for Weiner and 6 percent for Liu.

In today's survey, women likely Democratic primary voters go 44 percent for de Blasio, 19 percent for Thompson and 18 percent for Quinn. Men go 41 percent for de Blasio, 20 percent for Thompson and 18 percent for Quinn. Black voters go 47 percent for de Blasio, 25 percent for Thompson and 6 percent for Quinn. White voters go 42 percent for de Blasio, 28 percent for Quinn and 16 percent for Thompson.

"Can Public Advocate Bill de Blasio keep his surge going for seven more days? If he does, his first contribution could be to the New York City budget – saving the expense of a runoff election," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"Dante's big Afro is the campaign image everyone remembers. What a TV commercial! What a boost with everyone who has kids! What a plus in the black community!"

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“Whether it’s Dante or the issues, or a mixture of both, de Blasio leads Speaker Christine Quinn among women and former Comptroller Bill Thompson among black voters,” Carroll added.

“Council Speaker Christine Quinn’s collapse could be part of a seeming New York tradition of throwing female candidates under the bandwagon wheels. Well-known women such as Carol Bellamy, Mary Codd and Ruth Messinger all came up short.”

If there is a Democratic primary runoff, matchups are:

- De Blasio over Quinn 66 – 25 percent;
- De Blasio leads Thompson 56 – 36 percent;
- Thompson tops Quinn 59 – 33 percent.

With seven days until the primary, 24 percent of likely Democratic primary voters say there is a good chance they will change their mind, but 61 percent of Thompson voters, 59 percent of de Blasio backers and 56 percent of Quinn supporters say they definitely will vote for their candidate.

De Blasio and Thompson lead in the “enthusiasm” rating as 40 percent of de Blasio voters, 38 percent of Thompson backers and 30 percent of Quinn supporters say they are “very enthusiastic” about their candidate.

Former Metropolitan Transportation Authority CEO Joseph Lhota has 48 percent of likely Republican primary voters, with 24 percent for businessman John Catsimatidis and 10 percent for Doe Fund founder George McDonald.

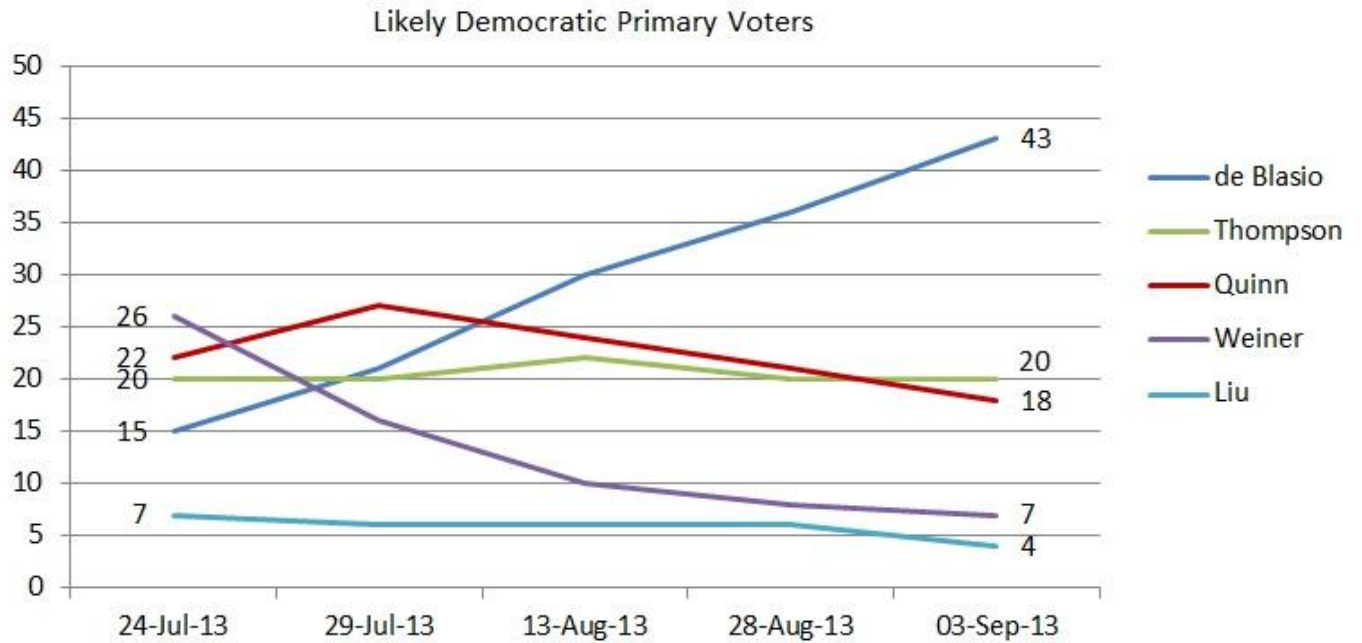
“With his liberal platform, de Blasio would be a tempting target for Joseph Lhota and the Republicans, if the race works out that way,” Carroll said.

From August 28 – September 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 750 likely Democratic primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.6 percentage points and 101 likely Republican primary voters with a margin of error of +/- 9.8 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, Colorado, Iowa and the nation as a public service and for research.

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**If the Democratic primary for Mayor were being held today
and the candidates were ..., for whom would you vote?**



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1. If the Democratic primary for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were John Liu, Christine Quinn, Bill Thompson, Bill de Blasio, Anthony Weiner and Sal Albanese, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Liu, Quinn, Thompson, de Blasio, Weiner or Albanese? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	AGE IN YRS <50	50+	COLLEGE DEG Yes	No
Liu	4%	6%	3%	3%	6%	4%	5%	3%	5%
Quinn	18	18	18	28	6	19	17	23	13
Thompson	20	20	19	16	25	17	22	19	20
de Blasio	43	41	44	42	47	47	39	45	40
Weiner	7	8	6	4	7	7	7	3	10
Albanese	1	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
DK/NA	8	5	10	5	9	5	10	5	10

	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				
	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ SmWht	DEMOCRAT..... Con	Strong	NotStrong
Liu	3%	4%	6%	3%	11%
Quinn	21	24	14	20	14
Thompson	11	15	26	18	23
de Blasio	54	45	35	45	37
Weiner	4	2	11	7	6
Albanese	1	-	1	-	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	1	-	-
DK/NA	6	10	7	6	8

TREND: If the Democratic primary for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were John Liu, Christine Quinn, Bill Thompson, Bill de Blasio, Anthony Weiner and Sal Albanese, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Liu, Quinn, Thompson, de Blasio, Weiner or Albanese? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS.....				
	Sep 03 2013	Aug 28 2013	Aug 13 2013	Jul 29 2013	Jul 24 2013
Liu	4	6	6	6	7
Quinn	18	21	24	27	22
Thompson	20	20	22	20	20
de Blasio	43	36	30	21	15
Weiner	7	8	10	16	26
Albanese	1	1	1	2	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	8	8	7	7	8

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Will you definitely vote for (Candidate of choice q1), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for another of the candidates?
IF CHANGE MIND: Would you say there's a good chance you'll change your mind, or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1			
	Tot	Quinn	Thompsn	DeBlasio
Def vote for cand	60%	56%	61%	59%
Unlikely to change	13	17	12	12
Good chance change	24	23	25	25
DK/NA	3	4	2	3

TREND: (If candidate chosen) Will you definitely vote for (Candidate of choice), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for another of the candidates?
 IF CHANGE MIND: Would you say there's a good chance you'll change your mind, or would you say it's pretty unlikely?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS			
	Sep 03	Aug 28	Aug 13	Jul 24
	2013	2013	2013	2013
Def vote for cand	60	49	46	45
Unlikely to change	13	15	16	14
Good chance change	24	31	34	35
DK/NA	3	6	4	6

1b. (If candidate chosen q1) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (Candidate chosen), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS			
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1			
	Tot	Quinn	Thompsn	DeBlasio
Very enthusiastic	38%	30%	38%	40%
Somewht enthusiastic	52	61	49	54
Not so enthusiastic	6	7	9	3
Not enthus at all	3	1	2	3
DK/NA	1	-	1	-

TREND: (If candidate chosen) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (Candidate of choice), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS			
	Sep 03	Aug 28	Aug 13	Jul 24
	2013	2013	2013	2013
Very enthusiastic	38	33	30	27
Somewht enthusiastic	52	53	55	57
Not so enthusiastic	6	9	11	10
Not enthus at all	3	4	4	4
DK/NA	1	1	1	2

1c. (If candidate chosen q1) Who is your second choice?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS			
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1			
	Tot	Quinn	Thompsn	DeBlasio
Liu	7%	5%	5%	10%
Quinn	14	-	13	22
Thompson	29	23	-	45
de Blasio	24	49	56	-
Weiner	7	4	7	8
Albanese	1	-	1	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	3	1
ALREADY VOTED	1	2	-	1
DK/NA	15	14	16	12

TREND: (If candidate chosen) Who is your second choice?

LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS
 Sep 03 Aug 28
 2013 2013

Liu	7	6
Quinn	14	14
Thompson	29	23
de Blasio	24	26
Weiner	7	9
Albanese	1	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2
ALREADY VOTED	1	-
DK/NA	15	18

2. Are there any candidates in the Democratic primary for Mayor that you would definitely not vote for under any circumstances? IF YES: Who is that? (Totals may add up to more than 100% because multiple responses were allowed)

LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS.....

	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	AGE IN YRS		COLLEGE DEG	
						<50	50+	Yes	No
Liu	12%	13%	10%	17%	8%	11%	11%	15%	9%
Quinn	35	38	32	30	39	38	32	31	39
Thompson	5	8	3	5	4	7	4	5	5
de Blasio	6	8	5	10	1	3	9	6	7
Weiner	44	43	45	53	33	41	46	52	36
Albanese	9	12	7	9	8	8	10	9	10
Other	1	1	2	2	-	1	2	1	1
No-one	12	15	11	9	19	13	12	12	12
ALREADY VOTED	1	-	2	2	-	-	2	1	1
DK/NA	7	3	10	3	10	6	9	5	10

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

LIBERAL..... Mod/ DEMOCRAT.....
 Very SmWht Con Strong NotStrong

Liu	11%	14%	11%	10%	15%
Quinn	37	32	35	29	47
Thompson	5	4	5	5	4
de Blasio	5	4	9	4	12
Weiner	47	49	42	42	49
Albanese	6	7	10	9	11
Other	1	2	1	1	1
No-one	12	9	14	15	8
ALREADY VOTED	2	1	1	1	1
DK/NA	5	8	8	9	3

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	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS			
	Sep 03 2013	Aug 28 2013	Aug 13 2013	Jul 24 2013
Liu	12	17	15	18
Quinn	35	29	24	31
Thompson	5	6	5	5
de Blasio	6	6	3	7
Weiner	44	47	51	28
Albanese	9	8	5	8
Other	1	2	1	1
No-one	12	16	14	24
ALREADY VOTED	1	-	-	-
DK/NA	7	7	10	9

3. (INTRO Q3-5: If none of the candidates in the Democratic primary for mayor gets 40% of the vote, there is a run-off election between the two candidates with the most votes.) If there is a run-off in the Democratic primary for mayor, and the candidates are Bill de Blasio and Christine Quinn, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If the runoff were today, would you lean more toward de Blasio or Quinn? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS.....					AGE IN YRS		COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	<50	50+	Yes	No
de Blasio	66%	67%	65%	58%	79%	69%	63%	65%	67%
Quinn	25	24	26	34	15	24	25	28	22
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	7	2	4	2	3	5	3	5
DK/NA	5	2	7	4	4	3	7	4	6

	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				
	LIBERAL..... Very	Mod/ SmWht	DEMOCRAT..... Con	Strong	NotStrong
de Blasio	72%	66%	62%	65%	74%
Quinn	22	29	26	27	21
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	1	6	2	4
DK/NA	4	4	6	6	1

TREND: (INTRO: If none of the candidates in the Democratic primary for mayor gets 40% of the vote, there is a run-off election between the two candidates with the most votes.) If there is a run-off in the Democratic primary for mayor, and the candidates are Bill de Blasio and Christine Quinn, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If the runoff were today, would you lean more toward de Blasio or Quinn? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS		
	Sep 03 2013	Aug 28 2013	Aug 13 2013
de Blasio	66	59	54
Quinn	25	30	38
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	3
DK/NA	5	8	5

4. If there is a run-off in the Democratic primary for mayor, and the candidates are Bill de Blasio and Bill Thompson, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If the runoff were today, would you lean more toward de Blasio or Thompson? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS.....						AGE IN YRS		COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		<50	50+	Yes	No
de Blasio	56%	52%	60%	62%	52%		60%	54%	62%	51%
Thompson	36	41	33	31	37		36	37	33	40
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	4	1	2	2		1	2	1	3
DK/NA	5	4	6	5	9		3	7	4	7

	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				
	LIBERAL.....	Mod/	DEMOCRAT.....		
	Very	SmWht	Con	Strong	NotStrong
de Blasio	72%	62%	46%	59%	54%
Thompson	25	34	45	35	39
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	1	3	1	2
DK/NA	3	3	6	5	4

TREND: If there is a run-off in the Democratic primary for mayor, and the candidates are Bill de Blasio and Bill Thompson, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If the runoff were today, would you lean more toward de Blasio or Thompson? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS		
	Sep 03	Aug 28	Aug 13
	2013	2013	2013
de Blasio	56	52	50
Thompson	36	36	41
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	2	2	2
DK/NA	5	9	7

5. If there is a run-off in the Democratic primary for mayor, and the candidates are Christine Quinn and Bill Thompson, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If the runoff were today, would you lean more toward Quinn or Thompson? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS.....						AGE IN YRS		COLLEGE DEG	
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk		<50	50+	Yes	No
Quinn	33%	29%	35%	47%	17%		34%	32%	38%	28%
Thompson	59	62	58	47	75		62	58	56	63
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	7	1	3	3		3	4	2	5
DK/NA	5	2	7	3	5		2	6	4	5

	POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY				
	LIBERAL.....	Mod/	DEMOCRAT.....		
	Very	SmWht	Con	Strong	NotStrong
Quinn	41%	38%	26%	38%	22%
Thompson	53	56	64	57	69
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	6	1	4
DK/NA	5	5	4	4	5

TREND: If there is a run-off in the Democratic primary for mayor, and the candidates are Christine Quinn and Bill Thompson, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If the runoff were today, would you lean more toward Quinn or Thompson? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS.....				
	Sep 03	Aug 28	Aug 13	Jul 29	Jul 24
	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013
Quinn	33	33	41	40	42
Thompson	59	57	51	50	51
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	3	2	2
DK/NA	5	8	6	7	5

7. Have you personally been contacted by a representative of the - Thompson campaign, either by phone, in-person, or online asking you for your support, or not?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS			
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1			
	Tot	Quinn	Thompsn	DeBlasio
Yes	19%	11%	30%	18%
No	78	87	63	79
DK/NA	3	2	6	3

TREND: Have you personally been contacted by a representative of the Thompson campaign, either by phone, in-person, or online asking you for your support, or not?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	
	Sep 03	Aug 28
	2013	2013
Yes	19	16
No	78	82
DK/NA	3	2

8. Have you personally been contacted by a representative of the - Quinn campaign, either by phone, in-person, or online asking you for your support, or not?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS			
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1			
	Tot	Quinn	Thompsn	DeBlasio
Yes	25%	30%	29%	26%
No	73	69	70	72
DK/NA	2	1	1	2

TREND: Have you personally been contacted by a representative of the Quinn campaign, either by phone, in-person, or online asking you for your support, or not?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	
	Sep 03	Aug 28
	2013	2013
Yes	25	20
No	73	77
DK/NA	2	3

9. Have you personally been contacted by a representative of the - De Blasio campaign, either by phone, in-person, or online asking you for your support, or not?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS			
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1			
	Tot	Quinn	Thompsn	DeBlasio
Yes	17%	14%	17%	20%
No	81	85	79	79
DK/NA	3	1	4	1

TREND: Have you personally been contacted by a representative of the De Blasio campaign, either by phone, in-person, or online asking you for your support, or not?

	LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS	
	Sep 03 2013	Aug 28 2013
Yes	17	17
No	81	80
DK/NA	3	2

10. If the Republican primary for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Lhota, John Catsimatidis, and George McDonald, for whom would you vote?
(If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Lhota, Catsimatidis, or McDonald?
(Table includes leaners)

LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS	
	Tot
Lhota	48%
Catsimatidis	24
McDonald	10
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1
DK/NA	17

TREND: If the Republican primary for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Joe Lhota, John Catsimatidis, and George McDonald, for whom would you vote?
(If undecided) If the primary were today, would you lean more toward Lhota, Catsimatidis, or McDonald? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS		
	Sep 03 2013	Aug 13 2013	Jul 24 2013
Lhota	48	43	49%
Catsimatidis	24	37	35
McDonald	10	9	7
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-
DK/NA	17	11	9