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**DE BLASIO LANDSLIDE BURIES LHOTA IN NEW YORK CITY,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
VOTERS WANT INSIDER FOR NEXT POLICE COMMISSIONER**

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio's landslide is picking up speed in the New York City mayoral race and threatens to bury Republican Joseph Lhota 71 – 21 percent among likely voters, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Independence Party candidate Adolfo Carrion has 2 percent.

There is a small gender gap and a larger racial gap: White voters support de Blasio 55 – 40 percent while black voters back the Democrat 90 – 6 percent, with Hispanic support at 79 – 10 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University poll finds.

Only 5 percent of voters remain undecided, but 11 percent of voters who name a candidate say there is “good chance” they will change their mind in the next five weeks.

Among de Blasio voters, 38 percent are “very enthusiastic” and 49 percent are “somewhat enthusiastic.” Among Lhota backers, 26 percent are “very enthusiastic” and 54 percent are “somewhat enthusiastic.”

By a 69 – 19 percent margin, New York City voters have a favorable opinion of de Blasio. Lhota has a negative 26 – 36 percent favorability, with 33 percent who haven't heard enough about him to form an opinion. For Carrion, 73 percent don't know enough to form an opinion.

“These numbers say Public Advocate Bill de Blasio's kids can start arguing over who gets the best bedroom in Gracie Mansion,” said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

“The flurry of negative headlines about name changes, the Sandanista visit, the Cuban honeymoon don't seem to have any effect.”

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“It’s a new city demographically and de Blasio captures it. His primary-election coalition, with huge support among black and Hispanic voters, holds in this poll taken after primary-day opinions had time to settle in,” Carroll added.

New York City likely voters say 55 – 26 percent that de Blasio will do a better job than Lhota keeping them safe and say 63 – 18 percent that the Democrat will do a better job improving the public schools.

If de Blasio is elected, taxes will go up, 35 percent say, while 7 percent say taxes will go down and 46 percent say they won’t change.

If Lhota is elected, taxes will go up, 37 percent say, while 4 percent say they will go down and 43 percent say they will stay the same.

“There’s a note of realism, or cynicism, when voters contemplate taxes. Voters think they’ll either go up or stay the same whoever is elected,” Carroll said.

The police stop and frisk tactic is excessive and harasses innocent people, 51 percent of voters say, while 41 percent say it is an acceptable way to keep the city safe. White voters support stop and frisk 56 – 37 percent while opposition is 67 – 24 percent among black voters and 54 – 36 percent among Hispanic voters.

But 62 percent of New York City voters say they want the next police commissioner to come from the ranks of the New York Police Department, while 24 percent want a “fresh face” from outside the NYPD.

There is general agreement among men, women, black, white and Hispanic voters on this question.

“Stop and frisk remains a racially divisive issue. But, if voters think that practice means the cops misbehave, everyone, white, black and Hispanic, still would like the next commissioner to be an NYPD veteran,” Carroll said.

From September 25 – October 1, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,198 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 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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1. If the election for Mayor were being held today, and the candidates were Bill de Blasio the Democrat, Joe Lhota the Republican, and Adolfo Carrion, the Independence Party candidate, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward de Blasio, Lhota, or Carrion?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	71%	9%	87%	61%	67%	75%	55%	90%	79%
Lhota	21	79	8	30	25	17	40	6	10
Carrion	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	-	4
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
DK/NA	5	8	4	6	5	5	3	2	8

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
de Blasio	68%	74%	77%	72%	65%	79%	74%	68%
Lhota	25	18	14	20	31	13	20	25
Carrion	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	2
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
DK/NA	5	6	6	6	3	5	4	4

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de Blasio	87%	52%
Lhota	6	41
Carrion	2	2
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-
DK/NA	4	5

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	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 03 2013	Sep 19 2013
de Blasio	71	66
Lhota	21	25
Carrion	2	2
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1
DK/NA	5	6

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) 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 VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	Lhota	deBlasio
Def vote for cand	77%	70%	79%
Unlikely to change	10	9	11
Good chance change	11	19	8
DK/NA	2	2	2

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	Lhota	deBlasio
Very enthusiastic	35%	26%	38%
Somewht enthusiastic	50	54	49
Not so enthusiastic	9	15	8
Not enthus at all	4	4	4
DK/NA	2	1	2

2. Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	69%	23%	81%	57%	68%	69%	55%	86%	70%
Unfavorable	19	65	8	28	22	15	34	3	12
Hvn't hrd enough	11	11	10	14	8	14	10	10	17
REFUSED	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Bill de Blasio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 03 2013	Sep 19 2013
Favorable	69	63
Unfavorable	19	21
Hvn't hrd enough	11	14
REFUSED	2	2

3. Is your opinion of Joe Lhota favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	26%	77%	15%	35%	34%	19%	43%	8%	14%
Unfavorable	36	6	43	34	37	35	33	45	31
Hvn't hrd enough	33	17	38	27	25	40	22	43	45
REFUSED	4	-	4	4	3	6	3	5	9

TREND: Is your opinion of Joe Lhota favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 03 2013	Sep 19 2013
Favorable	26	30
Unfavorable	36	35
Hvn't hrd enough	33	32
REFUSED	4	3

4. Is your opinion of Adolfo Carrion favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Favorable	10%	6%	12%	8%	11%	10%	6%	14%	19%
Unfavorable	14	19	14	14	17	12	11	17	10
Hvn't hrd enough	73	75	72	77	69	76	81	66	66
REFUSED	2	-	2	2	3	2	2	3	4

TREND: Is your opinion of Adolfo Carrion favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 03 2013	Sep 19 2013
Favorable	10	9
Unfavorable	14	10
Hvn't hrd enough	73	78
REFUSED	2	3

5. Do you think Bill de Blasio is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Liberal	27%	76%	14%	43%	34%	21%	45%	7%	16%
Conservative	2	1	2	3	4	1	1	1	3
About right	61	13	76	45	56	66	45	84	64
DK/NA	10	11	8	10	6	13	8	7	16

	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....							
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Liberal	34%	21%	17%	27%	41%	21%	25%	30%
Conservative	1	3	3	2	1	2	3	2
About right	58	64	68	63	55	69	66	58
DK/NA	6	13	12	8	3	8	6	11

6. Do you think Joe Lhota is too liberal, too conservative, or about right?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Liberal	5%	5%	6%	3%	5%	5%	3%	8%	7%
Conservative	39	12	43	40	43	35	37	42	30
About right	27	70	17	37	31	24	42	15	14
DK/NA	29	13	34	20	21	36	17	36	49

	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....							
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Liberal	2%	8%	8%	5%	2%	6%	6%	5%
Conservative	48	30	29	45	50	33	44	39
About right	29	25	24	27	32	29	22	30
DK/NA	20	37	39	23	16	31	28	26

7. Regardless of who you support in the election for mayor, do you think Bill de Blasio or Joe Lhota would do a better job - keeping you and your family safe?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	55%	8%	69%	37%	51%	58%	36%	80%	62%
Lhota	26	78	13	41	31	22	44	9	15
DK/NA	19	14	18	22	18	20	19	11	22

	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
de Blasio	50%	59%	61%	55%	47%	68%	57%	51%	
Lhota	32	21	19	28	36	20	25	30	
DK/NA	18	20	20	18	17	13	18	19	

TREND: Regardless of who you support in the election for mayor, do you think Bill de Blasio or Joe Lhota would do a better job keeping you and your family safe?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 03 2013	Sep 19 2013
de Blasio	55	50
Lhota	26	27
DK/NA	19	23

8. Regardless of who you support in the election for mayor, do you think Bill de Blasio or Joe Lhota would do a better job - improving the public schools?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
de Blasio	63%	9%	78%	51%	59%	66%	47%	84%	69%
Lhota	18	67	8	24	23	14	31	6	11
DK/NA	19	24	14	25	18	20	21	10	20

	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS..... HvKids InPubSch								
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
de Blasio	63%	63%	67%	65%	61%	73%	68%	58%	70%
Lhota	19	17	16	17	24	10	17	22	11
DK/NA	18	19	17	18	16	17	15	20	19

TREND: Regardless of who you support in the election for mayor, do you think Bill de Blasio or Joe Lhota would do a better job improving the public schools?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 03 2013	Sep 19 2013
de Blasio	63	61
Lhota	18	17
DK/NA	19	21

9. If Bill de Blasio is elected Mayor, do you think your taxes will go up, go down, or stay about the same?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Go up	35%	73%	23%	50%	40%	30%	47%	21%	25%
Go down	7	-	9	3	7	7	2	8	15
Stay about the same	46	16	53	40	44	47	41	57	41
DK/NA	13	11	15	7	10	16	10	13	19

	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....							
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Go up	41%	29%	25%	35%	49%	26%	34%	37%
Go down	4	10	12	4	3	15	6	5
Stay about the same	47	45	48	52	41	47	49	44
DK/NA	9	17	14	9	8	11	10	14

TREND: If Bill de Blasio is elected Mayor, do you think your taxes will go up, go down, or stay about the same?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 03 2013	Sep 19 2013
Go up	35	36
Go down	7	6
Stay about the same	46	46
DK/NA	13	11

10. If Joe Lhota is elected Mayor, do you think your taxes will go up, go down, or stay about the same?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Go up	37%	14%	42%	33%	35%	38%	24%	51%	40%
Go down	4	8	3	8	6	3	4	7	2
Stay about the same	43	65	38	51	48	39	59	27	30
DK/NA	16	12	18	8	12	19	13	15	27

	COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HSHOLD INC AGE IN YRS.....							
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Go up	30%	42%	40%	41%	31%	33%	41%	34%
Go down	2	6	6	2	6	7	4	4
Stay about the same	55	32	34	44	56	49	41	45
DK/NA	12	19	20	13	7	11	15	17

TREND: If Joe Lhota is elected Mayor, do you think your taxes will go up, go down, or stay about the same?

	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 03 2013	Sep 19 2013
Go up	37	36
Go down	4	5
Stay about the same	43	44
DK/NA	16	15

11. Do you think the next police commissioner should: A) Come from the ranks of the New York City Police Department, or B) Be a fresh face from outside the New York City Police Department?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
A) From NYPD ranks	62%	86%	59%	60%	62%	62%	63%	59%	65%
B) Outside NYPD	24	6	26	28	25	23	18	32	24
DK/NA	14	8	15	12	14	15	19	9	11

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
A) From NYPD ranks	58%	65%	60%	69%	59%	59%	67%	59%
B) Outside NYPD	24	24	28	21	23	38	22	22
DK/NA	18	11	12	10	18	4	11	19

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A) From NYPD ranks	51%	77%
B) Outside NYPD	33	12
DK/NA	16	11

12. As you may know, there is a police practice known as stop and frisk, where police stop and question a person they suspect of wrongdoing and, if necessary, search that person. Do you think stop and frisk is excessive and innocent people are being harassed, or do you think stop and frisk is an acceptable way to make New York City safer?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excessive	51%	12%	59%	44%	48%	53%	37%	67%	54%
Acceptable	41	82	32	48	45	38	56	24	36
DK/NA	8	6	9	8	8	9	7	10	10

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
Excessive	53%	49%	51%	54%	49%	61%	58%	43%
Acceptable	40	42	39	40	46	30	37	48
DK/NA	7	9	11	6	5	9	6	9

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Excessive	51	55
Acceptable	41	39
DK/NA	8	6