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**NYC VOTERS BACK MILLIONAIRES' TAX FOR SUBWAY FIX,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
CITY DEMS BACK CUOMO OVER de BLASIO 2-1 IN GOV RACE**

By a solid 64 – 21 percent, New York City registered voters prefer a millionaires' tax instead of a form of congestion pricing as the best way to raise money for mass transit, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Support for the millionaires' tax option is strong in all five boroughs and among every listed party, gender, age or racial group, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Voters oppose 52 – 40 percent a congestion pricing plan that would raise funds for mass transit by charging motorists a toll to enter Manhattan, while reducing tolls on bridges that do not connect to Manhattan. Support is 58 – 37 percent among Manhattan voters. Opposition in the other boroughs ranges from 53 – 36 percent in Brooklyn to 69 – 28 percent in Staten Island.

These same voters support 72 – 24 percent increased taxes on people making more than \$1 million a year. Support ranges from 67 – 28 percent in Brooklyn to 76 – 19 percent in Queens. Republicans are divided with 48 percent supporting a millionaires' tax and 50 percent opposed. Every other group supports the idea by wide margins.

A total of 28 percent of voters rate the quality of New York City subway service as “excellent” or “good,” while 64 percent rate it “not so good” or “poor.”

The best rating is among Manhattan voters – 5 percent “excellent” and 30 percent “good.” The lowest score is among Queens voters – less than 1 percent “excellent” and 20 percent “good.”

“Millionaires are more likely riding to work in Escalades or Town Cars than on the Number 6 train, but New York City voters say that’s all the more reason they should pony up funding to make commuting easier for the rest of us,” said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

“No matter what borough you board in, the subway is a rough ride. Manhattan strap hangers are the least vocal complainers, but in Queens - fuhgeddaboutit.”

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Among New York City voters who say subway service is “not so good” or “poor,” 37 percent blame Gov. Andrew Cuomo more and 31 percent blame Mayor Bill de Blasio. Another 9 percent blame both leaders and 10 percent blame neither.

In the last year, 34 percent of voters say they have switched from the subway to another form of transportation. Today, 48 percent of voters say they take the subway to work.

Gov. Cuomo v. Mayor de Blasio

If Mayor de Blasio challenged Gov. Cuomo in the 2018 Democratic Primary for governor, New York City Democrats would back Cuomo 60 – 31 percent. Self-described “very liberal” Democrats are divided, with 48 percent for de Blasio and 46 percent for Cuomo. The governor has big leads among every other group of Democrats, among men and women and among black, white and Hispanic voters.

Cuomo and de Blasio have honest disagreements about what’s best for New York City, 47 percent of voters say, while 35 percent say they are involved in a personal feud.

In this conflict, 43 percent of all voters agree with Cuomo, while 32 percent agree with de Blasio. Among Democrats, 41 percent agree with de Blasio and 38 percent agree with Cuomo.

Cuomo most closely represents their political views, 35 percent of all voters, including 39 percent of Democrats, say. De Blasio is closer to their political views, 27 percent of all voters, including 37 percent of Democrats, say.

This conflict between governor and mayor hurts New York City, 52 percent of voters say, while 10 percent say it helps and 33 percent say it makes no difference.

From September 27 – October 4, Quinnipiac University surveyed 822 New York City registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.4 percentage points, including the design effect. Live interviewers call landlines and cell phones.

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

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16. 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%	1%	9%	4%	6%	7%	5%	9%	9%
Smwht satisfied	52	45	58	41	53	51	47	58	52
Smwht dissatisfied	26	30	22	33	24	27	31	22	22
Very dissatisfied	14	24	9	21	15	13	16	9	15
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1

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

Very satisfied	11%	7%	5%	5%	5%	5%	7%	6%	9%
Smwht satisfied	48	53	60	50	39	50	56	51	51
Smwht dissatisfied	24	26	22	29	33	29	22	26	24
Very dissatisfied	16	13	13	14	21	14	14	15	15
DK/NA	1	1	-	2	3	1	-	1	2

18. (If Registered Democrat) If the 2018 Democratic primary for Governor were being held today, and the candidates were Andrew Cuomo and Bill de Blasio, for whom would you vote?

REGISTERED DEMOCRATS.....

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

LIBERAL..... Mod/

Tot Very Smwht Cons Men Wom Wht Blk Hsp

Cuomo	60%	46%	65%	62%	63%	58%	71%	51%	59%
de Blasio	31	48	25	27	29	33	21	40	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	-	2	1	2	1	1	-	3
DK/NA	7	6	8	9	6	8	6	9	6

19. 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	35%	27%	39%	32%	36%	34%	35%	37%	38%
de Blasio	27	5	37	17	27	27	19	40	32
Neither	32	65	19	49	33	32	41	18	25
DK/NA	6	3	6	2	3	7	6	5	5

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

Cuomo	34%	30%	35%	41%	38%	24%	34%	43%	39%
de Blasio	26	29	40	16	16	28	34	26	20
Neither	30	34	23	38	47	40	30	29	33
DK/NA	11	7	3	5	-	8	2	3	9

20. 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	35%	54%	32%	39%	41%	31%	46%	26%	31%
Honest disagreements	47	34	52	42	43	51	36	59	53
DK/NA	17	12	15	18	16	18	18	16	16

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Personal feud	31%	34%	36%	37%	46%	29%	37%	39%	37%	
Honest disagreements	52	45	51	46	42	51	49	49	40	
DK/NA	17	21	13	18	12	20	14	12	23	

21. 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%	8%	41%	25%	29%	34%	26%	46%	27%
Cuomo	43	69	38	48	46	41	54	26	50
DK/NA	25	23	21	27	25	25	20	28	23

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
de Blasio	33%	36%	40%	23%	12%	38%	35%	31%	26%	
Cuomo	44	37	38	48	76	31	45	49	50	
DK/NA	23	27	22	30	12	31	20	19	24	

22. 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	10%	3%	10%	9%	12%	8%	6%	13%	10%
Hurt NYC	52	55	52	58	52	52	61	48	42
No difference	33	40	34	28	33	34	29	33	45
DK/NA	5	3	4	6	4	7	5	5	3

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Help NYC	8%	14%	7%	8%	8%	7%	12%	10%	10%	
Hurt NYC	42	55	57	47	63	49	58	57	46	
No difference	44	25	32	39	28	38	29	30	38	
DK/NA	5	6	4	7	-	6	1	3	6	

23. How would you rate the quality of subway service in New York City - excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Excellent	2%	4%	1%	2%	4%	-	1%	1%	3%
Good	26	31	28	19	27	25	25	33	20
Not so good	32	20	32	39	30	34	31	29	33
Poor	32	34	30	35	31	33	34	28	36
DK/NA	8	10	8	6	8	9	8	10	8

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Excellent	-	1%	5%	-	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	
Good	33	25	30	20	25	17	19	32	31	
Not so good	27	38	27	34	25	37	32	32	29	
Poor	34	29	34	34	22	39	39	27	24	
DK/NA	6	7	3	13	26	4	8	8	15	

	SUBWAY USE Q25.....				TAKE SUBWAY TO WORK Q24	
	SEVERAL TIMES PER				Yes	No
	Daily	Week	Month	Year		
Excellent	1%	3%	1%	-	1%	2%
Good	21	32	36	29	25	26
Not so good	35	37	41	26	38	28
Poor	43	28	21	28	35	29
DK/NA	-	1	-	17	-	16

23a. (If subway service not so good or poor q23) Who is more to blame for the condition of New York City subways: Governor Cuomo or Mayor de Blasio?

	SUBWAY SERVICE NOT SO GOOD OR POOR Q23					
	Tot	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Cuomo	37%	39%	36%	36%	44%	33%
de Blasio	31	35	27	38	17	35
NEITHER (VOL)	10	13	7	8	8	11
BOTH (VOL)	9	7	12	6	12	12
DK/NA	13	7	18	11	19	9

	AGE IN YRS.....			
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Cuomo	23%	51%	43%	31%
de Blasio	39	22	26	35
NEITHER (VOL)	13	10	8	4
BOTH (VOL)	5	9	10	18
DK/NA	20	7	13	12

	SUBWAY USE Q25.....				TAKE SUBWAY TO WORK Q24	
	SEVERAL TIMES PER				Yes	No
	Daily	Week	Month	Year		
Cuomo	42%	41%	33%	34%	42%	32%
de Blasio	24	25	36	45	24	38
NEITHER (VOL)	11	11	14	1	12	7
BOTH (VOL)	9	11	10	6	9	10
DK/NA	14	13	8	13	13	13

24. Do you take the subway to work?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	48%	28%	50%	52%	49%	48%	38%	53%	64%
No	51	72	48	46	50	52	61	45	35
DK/NA	1	-	1	2	2	1	1	2	1

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes	48%	54%	63%	34%	17%	68%	55%	45%	17%
No	52	44	36	65	83	32	43	53	82
DK/NA	-	2	1	1	-	-	2	2	-

25. Generally speaking, how frequently do you use the subway - daily, several times a week, several times a month, several times a year, or never?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Daily	28%	17%	30%	30%	29%	27%	23%	29%	32%
Several times/week	24	13	24	28	28	21	23	24	31
Several times/month	15	23	13	12	16	14	16	10	16
Several times/year	21	30	21	19	18	23	24	26	13
Never	12	17	12	10	9	15	14	11	8
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Daily	27%	29%	44%	19%	2%	38%	37%	25%	10%
Several times/week	17	25	33	20	8	26	24	25	19
Several times/month	19	16	13	10	25	14	9	19	17
Several times/year	25	21	4	31	42	18	22	19	24
Never	11	9	7	19	23	3	8	12	29
DK/NA	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

26. In the last year, have you switched from the subway to something else as a main source of transportation?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/switched	34%	30%	32%	39%	34%	33%	29%	34%	40%
No	65	70	66	59	64	65	69	64	58
DK/NA	2	-	2	1	2	2	2	2	2

	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....			
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
Yes/switched	40%	31%	34%	34%	24%	39%	33%	30%	34%
No	59	67	63	64	76	61	67	68	61
DK/NA	1	1	2	2	-	-	1	2	5

27. As you may know, there is a plan called "congestion pricing" that would charge motorists an additional toll to drive into downtown and midtown Manhattan, while reducing tolls on bridges that don't connect to Manhattan. The extra money would be used to fund mass transit. Would you support or oppose congestion pricing?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	40%	30%	45%	35%	40%	40%	41%	28%	41%	
Oppose	52	67	46	58	52	51	50	62	52	
DK/NA	8	3	9	6	8	9	9	9	7	
	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Support	31%	36%	58%	36%	28%	44%	46%	37%	35%	
Oppose	58	53	37	57	69	47	52	55	54	
DK/NA	11	11	5	7	2	9	2	8	12	

28. As you may know, there is a plan to raise taxes on people who earn more than one million dollars a year to help fund mass transit. Would you support or oppose this so-called millionaire's tax?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Support	72%	48%	82%	62%	68%	75%	69%	76%	70%	
Oppose	24	50	15	33	28	21	28	20	26	
DK/NA	4	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	
	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Support	74%	67%	74%	76%	68%	73%	72%	76%	67%	
Oppose	19	28	23	19	32	21	26	22	27	
DK/NA	7	5	3	5	-	6	3	2	6	

29. To raise money for mass transit, would you prefer congestion pricing or the so-called millionaire's tax?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp	
Congestion pricing	21%	24%	22%	20%	23%	19%	28%	14%	14%	
Millionaire's tax	64	57	72	53	60	68	53	77	76	
DK/NA	15	19	6	27	17	13	18	10	10	
	AREA.....					AGE IN YRS.....				
	Brnx	Bklyn	Man	Qns	StIsl	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	
Congestion pricing	17%	17%	33%	16%	17%	23%	21%	20%	21%	
Millionaire's tax	68	64	57	71	62	62	67	69	57	
DK/NA	15	19	10	13	21	15	12	11	22	