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**DE BLASIO UP 3-1 IN NEW YORK CITY MAYORAL RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
LOW CRIME TOPS FIXING STOP AND FRISK, VOTERS SAY 2-1**

New York City Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, the Democratic candidate for mayor, tops Republican Joseph Lhota 68 – 24 percent among likely voters, with few voters undecided or likely to change their mind, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Independence Party candidate Adolfo Carrion has 2 percent.

This compares to a 71 – 21 percent de Blasio lead in an October 3 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University.

Today, de Blasio leads 54 – 42 percent among white voters, 94 – 5 percent among black voters, 79 – 10 percent, with 6 percent for Carrion, among Hispanic voters, 71 – 21 percent among women, 65 – 29 percent among men, 86 – 9 percent among Democrats and 55 – 33 percent among independent voters. Lhota takes Republicans 84 – 13 percent.

Only 5 percent of likely voters remain undecided and 8 percent of those who name a candidate say there's a "good chance" they will change their mind by November 5.

New York City likely voters give de Blasio a 65 – 23 percent favorability. Lhota gets a negative 31 – 39 percent favorability, with 27 percent who don't know enough about him to form an opinion. For Carrion, 77 percent don't know enough to form an opinion.

"The good news for Public Advocate Bill de Blasio is that he probably can start drafting his inauguration speech," said Maurice Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

"The bad news is that New York City voters' priority for the next mayor is – you guessed it – jobs, something over which a mayor has very little control. The next priority is education and if he can succeed where so many have not, they can name a school after him."

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Creating more jobs is the top priority for the next mayor, 32 percent of New York City likely voters say, followed by:

- 24 percent who say education is the top priority;
- 20 percent who want to keep crime rates low;
- 18 percent who want to reduce the gap between rich and poor.

Stop and Frisk

Keeping crime rates down is more important than reforming stop and frisk, New York City likely voters say 62 – 30 percent. No group disagrees.

Voters say 56 – 29 percent, however, that the next mayor can reform stop and frisk without seeing an increase in crime.

New York City likely voters are divided on the issue of stop and frisk as 48 percent say it is excessive harassment while 45 percent say it is an acceptable way to make the city safer. This compares to results of Quinnipiac University polls October 3, in which voters said 51 – 41 percent that it was excessive rather than acceptable and September 19, in which voters say excessive rather than acceptable 55 – 39 percent.

In today's survey, men are divided 47 – 48 percent, while women say by a slim 48 – 43 percent that stop and frisk is excessive. White voters support stop and frisk 59 – 31 percent, with opposition at 73 – 22 percent among black voters and 58 – 38 percent among Hispanic voters.

The next mayor should increase the number of charter schools, 39 percent of likely voters say, while 18 percent want fewer charter schools and 35 percent say keep the number the same.

Charter schools in public school buildings should pay rent, 47 percent of voters say, while 43 percent say they should not pay rent.

“As he drafts that inauguration speech, Bill de Blasio will have to ponder the judgment by a sizable minority of voters that he won't be able to reform stop-and-frisk without crime going up. Plus the fact that charter schools – about which he's not enthusiastic – are popular.”

From October 16 – 20, Quinnipiac University surveyed 973 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.1 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	68%	13%	86%	55%	65%	71%	54%	94%	79%
Lhota	24	84	9	33	29	21	42	5	10
Carrion	2	3	1	6	2	2	1	-	6
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	-	4	6	4	6	4	1	6

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HSHOLD	INC	AGE IN	YRS.....	
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+
de Blasio	68%	69%	72%	68%	64%	78%	73%	64%
Lhota	25	24	21	27	30	18	22	29
Carrion	1	3	4	1	2	4	2	2
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	5	3	5	4	-	3	5

	TOP PRIORITY Q5.....				MORE IMPORTANT Q8.....	
	Crime	Educ	GapBtw Rch/Pr	Jobs	Reform Stop&Frisk	KeepCrime RateDown
de Blasio	39%	80%	88%	67%	85%	59%
Lhota	52	14	4	27	7	34
Carrion	4	1	4	1	2	3
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	5	4	4	5	5	5

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	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 21 2013	Oct 03 2013	Sep 19 2013
de Blasio	68	71	66
Lhota	24	21	25
Carrion	2	2	2
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	1
DK/NA	5	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	80%	75%	83%
Unlikely to change	10	11	9
Good chance change	8	10	6
DK/NA	3	3	2

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 VOTERS...	
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN	
	Oct 21	Oct 03
	2013	2013
Def vote for cand	80	77
Unlikely to change	10	10
Good chance change	8	11
DK/NA	3	2

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 VOTERS.....		
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1.....		
	CANDIDATE OF CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	Lhota	deBlasio
Very enthusiastic	37%	25%	42%
Somewht enthusiastic	46	52	44
Not so enthusiastic	10	16	8
Not enthus at all	4	5	3
DK/NA	2	1	3

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	LIKELY VOTERS...	
	CANDIDATE CHOSEN	
	Oct 21	Oct 03
	2013	2013
Very enthusiastic	37	35
Somewht enthusiastic	46	50
Not so enthusiastic	10	9
Not enthus at all	4	4
DK/NA	2	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	65%	15%	80%	56%	60%	69%	54%	87%	72%
Unfavorable	23	73	9	31	27	19	37	3	8
Hvn't hrd enough	10	10	10	11	12	9	7	10	20
REFUSED	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	-	-

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 21	Oct 03	Sep 19
	2013	2013	2013
Favorable	65	69	63
Unfavorable	23	19	21
Hvn't hrd enough	10	11	14
REFUSED	2	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	31%	79%	19%	37%	36%	26%	44%	13%	21%
Unfavorable	39	6	48	35	40	39	33	49	38
Hvn't hrd enough	27	14	30	24	23	30	20	35	38
REFUSED	3	1	3	4	1	5	3	3	2

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 21	Oct 03	Sep 19
	2013	2013	2013
Favorable	31	26	30
Unfavorable	39	36	35
Hvn't hrd enough	27	33	32
REFUSED	3	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	11%	12%	12%	13%	13%	10%	8%	12%	20%
Unfavorable	11	4	13	9	14	8	8	13	12
Hvn't hrd enough	77	84	74	78	73	79	83	74	67
REFUSED	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	-	1

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

	LIKELY VOTERS.....		
	Oct 21	Oct 03	Sep 19
	2013	2013	2013
Favorable	11	10	9
Unfavorable	11	14	10
Hvn't hrd enough	77	73	78
REFUSED	1	2	3

5. Which of the following do you think should be the top priority for the next Mayor, keep crime rates low, improve education, narrow the gap between rich and poor, or create more jobs?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Crime	20%	38%	15%	23%	23%	18%	25%	9%	16%
Education	24	18	27	23	22	26	22	25	35
Gap btwn rich/poor	18	4	22	15	19	18	19	16	16
Jobs	32	34	31	34	31	32	30	42	25
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	2	3	2	1	3	2	2	5	1
DK/NA	3	2	3	4	3	4	2	3	7

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HSHOLD INC		AGE IN YRS.....				
	Yes	No	<50K	50-100	>100K	18-34	35-54	55+	
Crime	16%	23%	22%	19%	20%	12%	16%	25%	
Education	27	22	22	30	20	37	25	20	
Gap btwn rich/poor	23	14	17	18	21	22	22	15	
Jobs	30	34	32	28	36	26	29	35	
SOMETHING ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	3	2	-	3	2	
DK/NA	2	5	4	1	1	3	4	3	

6. 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) Inside NYPD	61%	80%	56%	62%	63%	60%	67%	54%	63%
B) Outside NYPD	24	10	27	24	22	25	16	34	27
DK/NA	15	9	17	15	15	15	17	12	10

	TOP PRIORITY Q5.....				MORE IMPORTANT Q8.....			
	Crime	Educ	GapBtw Rch/Pr	Jobs	Reform Stop&Frisk	KeepCrime RateDown		
A) Inside NYPD	78%	59%	48%	60%	50%	69%		
B) Outside NYPD	11	29	32	25	36	19		
DK/NA	11	13	20	16	14	12		

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	LIKELY VOTERS	
	Oct 21 2013	Oct 03 2013
A) Inside NYPD	61	62
B) Outside NYPD	24	24
DK/NA	15	14

7. 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	48%	14%	55%	47%	47%	48%	31%	73%	58%
Acceptable	45	83	37	48	48	43	59	22	38
DK/NA	7	2	9	5	5	9	9	5	4

	TOP PRIORITY Q5.....				MORE IMPORTANT Q8.....	
	Crime	Educ	GapBtw Rch/Pr	Jobs	Reform Stop&Frisk	KeepCrime RateDown
Excessive	17%	57%	68%	48%	72%	36%
Acceptable	75	37	26	45	22	58
DK/NA	8	7	6	7	6	6

TREND: 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.....		
	Oct 21 2013	Oct 03 2013	Sep 19 2013
Excessive	48	51	55
Acceptable	45	41	39
DK/NA	7	8	6

8. Which do you think is more important, reforming stop and frisk or keeping crime rates down?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Reform stop & frisk	30%	13%	32%	32%	32%	28%	22%	39%	31%
Keep crime down	62	82	60	61	61	64	68	55	67
DK/NA	8	5	8	6	8	8	10	6	2

	TOP PRIORITY Q5.....			
	Crime	Educ	GapBtw Rch/Pr	Jobs
Reform stop & frisk	16%	33%	47%	28%
Keep crime down	76	59	45	65
DK/NA	8	8	8	7

9. Do you think the next mayor can reform stop and frisk without seeing an increase in crime, or don't you think so?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	56%	22%	63%	59%	57%	55%	50%	67%	53%
No	29	61	21	30	31	27	36	18	33
DK/NA	15	17	16	11	12	18	14	16	14

	TOP PRIORITY Q5.....				MORE IMPORTANT Q8.....			
	Crime	Educ	GapBtw Rch/Pr	Jobs	Reform Stop&Frisk	KeepCrime RateDown		
Yes	34%	66%	74%	54%	86%	42%		
No	48	21	17	30	10	40		
DK/NA	18	13	9	16	5	18		

10. As you may know, charter schools are operated by private or non-profit organizations. The schools are paid for with public funds and do not charge tuition. Do you think the next Mayor should increase the number of charter schools, decrease the number of charter schools, or keep the number of charter schools the same?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Increase	39%	49%	35%	39%	43%	35%	41%	33%	45%
Decrease	18	9	19	20	19	16	19	17	15
Keep the same	35	34	36	34	30	39	30	42	33
DK/NA	9	9	9	7	7	10	10	8	7

11. Do you think charter schools should be required to pay rent when they are located in New York City public school buildings or not?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes	47%	31%	50%	47%	49%	44%	47%	51%	38%
No	43	59	38	47	42	44	41	40	55
DK/NA	10	10	12	7	9	11	12	8	7

12. Do you have any children in a charter school or on a waiting list to get into a charter school?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	Hsp
Yes/In school or on waiting list	5%	4%	6%	4%	7%	3%	3%	5%	11%
No/Neither	95	96	94	96	93	97	97	95	89
DK/NA	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-