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Fresno Speaks 2021: Pandemic, Spending Priorities and Basic Needs

Fresno, CA—Fresno Speaks 2021 has released a report with findings on a range of questions related to voter attitudes and the city budget. The survey sampled registered voters in the City of Fresno between July 24 and August 23, 2021, and is the only representative survey series in the city since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The study found

- COVID-19 remains the top concern for Fresno households
- Fresno city voters rejected the gubernatorial recall
- Voters prefer people-centered investments with the city budget and local taxes
- Strong support for preventative solutions to public safety and police reform

Fresno Speaks 2021 is a partnership between the UC Merced Community and Labor Center and the Fresno County Civic Engagement Table, which includes Communities for a New California, Faith in the Valley, Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce, Jakara Movement, Hmong Innovating Politics, and Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability.

This was the second year in a row that the UC Merced Community and Labor Center has partnered with the Fresno Civic Engagement Table in conducting a representative survey in the city.

"Citywide, Fresno voters still believe communities built around the common good are both desirable and attainable. They consistently prioritize public health investments, equitable policies; and ultimately support people and practices that align with these values. "Fresno Speaks" has spoken, "Coordinator Venise C. Curry, M.D., Fresno County Civic Engagement Table.

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