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To: Interested parties

Subject: Majority of Portland voters is concerned about Portland's future under the leadership of Mayor Michael Brennan.

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A new survey from Public Policy Polling finds that 52% of Portland voters are concerned about Portland's future while 46% say it's on the right track under the leadership of Mayor Michael Brennan. The survey also conducted multiple hypothetical head-to-head races against the first-term mayor in a possible preview of this fall's mayoral election.

The survey found that the strongest candidate against the first-term mayor would be State Senator Ethan Strimling, who has a one-point advantage, 38/37, in a hypothetical head-to-head against the first-term mayor. The pro-Strimling coalition is broad-based, with pluralities of women, middle class voters, Republicans, Green Party voters, unenrolled voters, voters 46 to 65, and voters older than 65 in favor of new leadership in Portland.

When matched up head-to-head against former four-time Mayor and current city councilor Nick Mavodones, Brennan holds a 40/33 lead. Brennan dominates in a matchup with current city councilor, and declared mayoral candidate, Ed Suslovic 47/25.

When the field is expanded to three candidates, Strimling still comes out on top. In a three-way race against Brennan and Councilman Ed Suslovic, Strimling holds a one-point lead. Strimling receives 30% of the vote in the three-way contest to Brennan's 29% and Suslovic's 14%. Strimling retains plurality support from women, Green Party voters, unenrolled voters, voters 46 to 65, and voters over 65 in the expanded field.

Against City Councilmen Mavodones and Suslovic, Brennan leads with 36% of the vote, followed by 22% for Mavodones, and 12% of Suslovic.

PPP surveyed 556 Portland voters from July 17th to 21st. The margin of error is +/-4.1%. This poll was conducted by automated telephone interviews.





Portland, ME Survey Results

Q1 In general, do you feel things in the city of Portland strongly headed in the right direction, somewhat headed in the right direction, or are you somewhat concerned about Portland's future, or are you strongly concerned about Portland's future?

Headed in Right Direction 46%
Concerned About Portland's Future 52%
Not Sure..... 2%

Q2 If the election for Mayor of Portland were held today and the candidates were Michael Brennan and Ethan Strimling, who would you vote for - would you definitely vote for Michael Brennan, would you lean towards Michael Brennan, would you definitely vote for Ethan Strimling, would you lean towards Ethan Strimling, or are you not sure?

Michael Brennan..... 36%
Ethan Strimling 38%
Not Sure..... 26%

Q3 If the election for Portland Mayor were held today and the candidates were Michael Brennan and Nick Mavodones, who would you vote for - would you definitely vote for Michael Brennan, would you lean towards Michael Brennan, would you definitely vote for Nick Mavodones, would you lean towards Nick Mavodones, or are you not sure?

Michael Brennan..... 41%
Nick Mavodones..... 33%
Not Sure..... 27%

Q4 If the election for Portland Mayor were held today and the candidates were Michael Brennan and Ed Suslovic, who would you vote for - would you definitely vote for Michael Brennan, would you lean towards Michael Brennan, would you definitely vote for Ed Suslovic, would you lean towards Ed Suslovic, or are you not sure?

Michael Brennan..... 47%
Ed Suslovic..... 25%
Not Sure..... 28%

Q5 If the election for Portland Mayor were held today and the candidates were Michael Brennan, Ethan Strimling and Ed Suslovic, who would you vote for?

Michael Brennan..... 29%
Ethan Strimling 30%
Ed Suslovic..... 14%
Not sure 27%

Q6 If the election for Portland Mayor were held today and the candidates were Michael Brennan, Nick Mavodones and Ed Suslovic, who would you vote for?

Michael Brennan..... 36%
Nick Mavodones..... 22%
Ed Suslovic..... 12%
Not sure 29%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 55%
Man..... 45%



Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you're a member of the Green Party, press 3. If unenrolled, press 4.

<i>Democrat</i>	51%
<i>Republican</i>	19%
<i>Green Party</i>	4%
<i>Unenrolled</i>	26%

Q9 If you are 18 to 45 years old, press 1. If 46 to 65, press 2. If you are older than 65, press 3.

<i>18 to 45</i>	21%
<i>46 to 65</i>	49%
<i>Older than 65</i>	30%

Q10 Which of the following best describes your annual household income: less than \$20,000 a year, between \$20,000 and \$40,000 a year, between \$40,000 and \$60,000 a year, between \$60,000 and \$100,000 a year, between \$100,000 and \$200,000 a year, or more than \$200,000 a year?

<i>Less than \$20K</i>	12%
<i>Between \$20K and \$40K</i>	18%
<i>Between \$40K and \$60K</i>	15%
<i>Between \$60K and \$100K</i>	22%
<i>Between \$100K and \$200K</i>	13%
<i>More than \$200K</i>	3%
<i>Don't care to say</i>	17%