



Legislative Survey Results Bristol



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Dear Neighbor:

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my 2008 Legislative Survey. The number of completed surveys I have received is a strong indication that people in our district

are concerned about the issues affecting our region as well as the entire state. Your thoughts and opinions are very helpful to me as I represent you at the legislature.

The survey results have been tabulated and are being reported to you, the participants. I hope you find them as interesting as I did.

No survey can be comprehensive enough to address every concern. If you have comments about any issue that was not included, or if I can be of assistance to you with any other matter, please feel free to contact my office at 1-800-842-1423.

Best Wishes,

1. Public Safety/Crime

Should repeat violent offenders be subject to mandatory life sentences for such crimes as arson, rape, murder or home invasion?

YES **91.8%** NO **6.0%** UNANSWERED **2.2%**

2. Immigration

Federal laws prohibit a person who enters and lives in the U.S. illegally from receiving federal social services resources. Should that person be eligible for state subsidies including fuel assistance, in-state tuition or public housing?

YES **5.5%** NO **92.9%** UNANSWERED **1.6%**

3. Education

The state's largest cities receive nearly one-third of all school funding yet educate just 12 percent of all students. Should state resources be re-allocated to suburban and rural school districts more evenly?

YES **85.2%** NO **9.8%** UNANSWERED **4.9%**

4. Property Taxes

Should local property tax increases be capped at three percent per year?

YES **82.5%** NO **12.6%** UNANSWERED **4.9%**

5. State Taxes

Would you support raising the state income tax in the event of a state budget deficit?

YES **10.9%** NO **88.0%** UNANSWERED **1.1%**

6. Gas Tax Holiday

Should the state's 25 cents per gallon gasoline tax be suspended during the peak summer vacation driving season between Memorial Day and Labor Day?

YES **73.8%** NO **24.6%** UNANSWERED **1.6%**

7. Pension Protection

Should retirees' pension and Social Security benefits be exempted from the state income tax?

YES **90.2%** NO **8.7%** UNANSWERED **1.1%**

Which of the following three projects should be Bristol's top priority for 2008? A 'Yes' response supported that project as a top priority. A 'No' response indicated less support for a project.

8. Renovations, Upgrades to Bristol Parks and Recreational Areas

YES **22.4%** NO **67.8%** UNANSWERED **9.8%**

9. Bristol Downtown Revitalization Project

YES **64.5%** NO **31.7%** UNANSWERED **3.8%**

10. Flood Control Measures

YES **30.6%** NO **61.7%** UNANSWERED **7.7%**