

Hello. I'm calling from Elway Research, an independent public opinion firm here in Washington. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. We are conducting a public opinion survey about issues in the City of Olympia. You are one of 400 persons – selected at random – who is being interviewed. Your answers will be completely confidential. We are not selling anything and no one will contact you as a result of this call.

We are trying to keep our sample in balance, so my instructions are to talk to a [MALE / FEMALE] registered voter at this number.

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| S1> | Are you registered to vote in Washington State?      | Yes → GO TO S3 |
| OR> | Is there a [MALE / FEMALE] registered voter at home? | No → GO TO S2  |
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| S2> | Then my instructions are to interview you.      | Yes → GO TO S3    |
|     | Are you registered to vote in Washington State? | No → THANK & TERM |
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- S3> Am I calling you on your cell phone?  
(IF YES) Are you in a safe place to talk?
1. Yes, on a cell phone, and in a safe place
  2. No, not on a cell phone
  3. Yes, on a cell phone, but not in a safe place
  4. (DON'T READ) DK/NA

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1. First, in your opinion, what is the most significant issue facing the City of Olympia at this time?  
[OPEN]
  2. In a typical week, how many days are you in Downtown Olympia?  
0...1...2...3...4...5...6...7
- The City Council is considering some new or expanded services in the areas of public safety and affordable housing. These next questions are about these proposals.

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# HOUSING

3. [ One / Another ] proposal concerns housing for Olympia’s most vulnerable citizens. Most vulnerable means people not able to meet basic needs of shelter and safety. Like many cities, Olympia has increasing rental rates and decreasing housing vacancy. These circumstances, coupled with a lack of shelter space, has contributed to a concentration of homeless people downtown.

The city council is considering a package of services to help vulnerable youth, adults and families in Olympia, such as low-income, developmentally disabled, homeless, mentally ill, and others. The package has several parts. As I read each one, tell me if you would be likely to Strongly Oppose that proposal, Oppose, Support or Strongly Support having the city do that. The first one is...

**DO NOT ROTATE** STG OP    OPP    SUPORT    STG SUPT    DK

- 1: The City would fund the construction of 250 housing units for this vulnerable population..... 1.....2..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5
- 2: Make this what is called Supportive Housing, which includes services such as drug and alcohol treatment as well as mental health services. .... 1.....2..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5
- 3: Include rental assistance and other programs to prevent homelessness. .... 1.....2..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5
- 4: Include more shelter beds, a homeless daycare center and other services for homeless people..... 1.....2..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5

4. If a proposal including all these features were put before the voters, would you be inclined to [READ & ROTATE] this proposal?

ROTATE TOP/BOTTOM

- 1. Definitely Oppose
- 2. Probably Oppose
- 3. Probably Support
- 4. Definitely Support
- 5. [DK/NA]

5. What would be some reasons you would [SUPPORT / OPPOSE] this proposal? [OPEN]

6. Next I am going to read a few statements about this housing proposal. As I do, tell me whether you Disagree Strongly, Disagree Mildly, Agree Mildly or Agree Strongly with each one. The first one is...

**ROTATE** AG STG    AGREE    DISAGR    DIS STG    NA

- 1: Housing is a regional problem. Olympia should wait and be part of a regional solution with other cities in the county..... 1.....2..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5
- 2: Building permanent housing will take several years. The city should focus on an immediate response to homelessness in the city ..... 1.....2..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

7. [First / Next ] I am going to read you the proposals for public safety. As I read each one, tell me whether you would be inclined to Strongly Oppose that proposal, Mildly Oppose it, Mildly Favor it or Strongly Favor it. The first one is...

ROTATE	STG OP	OPP	FAV	STG FAV	DK
1: Hiring five new police officers for the downtown walking patrol, bringing the total to seven officers - increasing both day time and night time walking patrols .....	1	2	3	4	5
2: Hiring two new police officers, plus one new code enforcement officer assigned to neighborhoods, to deal with drug houses, speeding, trash and other nuisances .....	1	2	3	4	5
3: Partnering with a mental health provider to deliver mobile mental health outreach and services in downtown and elsewhere in the city .....	1	2	3	4	5
4: Taking over funding of the Community Court Program, which diverts low-level offenders from jail and steers them toward education, jobs, and other alternatives. Federal funding for that program runs out next year. ....	1	2	3	4	5
5: Continue funding training and policy for modern policing techniques, such as interacting with the mentally ill and training to ensure fair and impartial policing by making officers aware of underlying bias to .....	1	2	3	4	5

8. Of the programs we have just talked about, which one do you think should be the highest priority for the City of Olympia?

**READ & ROTATE**

1. Additional officers for the walking patrol downtown
2. Additional officers for neighborhood nuisance issues
3. Providing mobile mental health services
4. Continuing the community court program
5. Training in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing techniques
6. [NA]

9. Which of the programs we have just talked about do you think should be the lowest priority for the City of Olympia?

**READ & ROTATE**

1. Additional officers for the walking patrol downtown
2. Additional officers for neighborhood nuisance issues
3. Providing mobile mental health services
4. Continuing the community court program
5. Training in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing techniques
6. [NA]

10. If all of these policing programs were presented to the voters in a single package, would you be inclined to [ READ & ROTATE] the package?

ROTATE TOP/BOTTOM

1. Definitely Oppose
2. Probably Oppose
3. Probably Support
4. Definitely Support
5. [DK/NA]

11. What would be some reasons you would probably [ SUPPORT / OPPOSE ] this package?  
[OPEN]

12. The proposals in this package are somewhat non-traditional for a police department. Does that fact make you more likely to support or oppose the package?

1. SUPPORT
2. OPPOSE
3. UNDEC

13. There has been some discussion about the timing of this proposal. In 2012, Olympia voters approved a public a safety funding package to avoid cuts in programs and services. Which of these two statements come closest to you opinion about the timing of this new proposal?

1. It is too soon to ask voters to increase taxes again for public safety
2. This is a separate issue and five years is not too soon to ask voters
3. [NO OPINION]

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STOP ROTATION

14. Both the policing programs, that we discussed earlier, and the housing proposal will require more taxes. If they were on the ballot, what you would most likely do? Would you...

ROTATE TOP/BOTTOM

1. Support both proposals
2. Support the policing measure, but not the housing proposal
3. Support the housing proposal, but not the policing proposal
4. Oppose both proposals
5. [ UNDEC ]

15. If both the policing and housing proposals were combined into a single ballot measure, would you...

ROTATE TOP/BOTTOM

1. Definitely Support it
2. Probably Support it
3. Probably Oppose it
4. Definitely Oppose it
5. [ UNDEC ]

16. The city has four potential sources of money to pay for these proposals. Which of the following – if any – do you think would be the best way to pay for these programs?

## ROTATE 1-4

1. Increase the property tax
2. Increase the sales tax
3. Increase taxes on city utilities
4. Increase the tax on businesses in the city
5. [NONE]
6. [COMBINATION]
7. [NO OPIN]

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17. I have just a few last questions for our statistical analysis. How old are you?

1. 18-35
2. 36-50
3. 51-64
4. 65+
5. NA

18. Which of these best describes your household at this time:

1. Couple with Children at Home
2. Couple with No Children at Home
3. Single with Children at Home
4. Single with No Children at Home
5. [DK/NA]

19. In which area of the city do you live? Is it:

1. Northwest (NW)
2. Northeast (NE)
3. Southwest (SW)
4. Southeast (SE)
5. [NA]

20. Do you own or rent the place in which you live?

1. OWN
2. RENT
3. NA

21. Which of these the following best describes you at this time? Are you. . .

1. Self-Employed or Business Owner
2. Employed in Private Business
3. Employed in the Public Sector, Like a Govt Agency or Educational Institution
4. Not employed outside the home
5. Student
6. Retired
7. [DK/NA]

- 21.1. IF WORKING [1,2,3]: Is you place of work...

1. Inside the city of Olympia
2. Elsewhere in Thurston County
3. Outside Thurston County

22. Finally, I am going to list four broad categories. Just stop me when I get to the category that best describes your approximate household income - before taxes - for this year.

ROTATE TOP/BOTTOM

1. \$25,000 or less
2. 25 to 50,000
3. \$50 to 75,000
4. \$75 to 100,000
5. Over \$100,000
6. [DO NOT READ: NO ANSWER]

23. Thank you very much. You have been very helpful. [RECORD GENDER]

1. MALE
2. FEMALE