

Convening the Community Survey Results

Greater Phoenix Economic Council

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The following information provides the results of a survey given to attendees of the **Convening the Community** summit. 205 attendees filled out the survey.

TAX INCREASE

Question 1 – Do you support a tax increase?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Support	153	75.0%
Oppose	41	20.1%
No Response	10	4.9%

Question 1a – If you selected “support,” which tax would you increase?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Some Combination of Above	76	37.1%
Sales	38	18.5%
Other	17	8.3%
Personal Income	11	5.4%
Corporate Income	7	3.4%
Business and Residential	5	2.4%
Residential Only	4	2.0%
No Response	45	22.0%

Question 1b – If you selected “support,” should the tax increase be short-term or long-term?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Short-term (2-3 Years)	87	42.4%
Long-term	60	29.3%
No Response	58	28.3%



Question 7 – Do you support tax increases for emergency general fund budget deficit relief, or tax increases that provide tax code reform to solve the budget shortfall?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Support	134	66.7%
Oppose	32	15.9%
No Response	35	17.4%

Question 11 – Would you support a temporary one cent sales tax increase to balance the budget?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Support	136	67.7%
Oppose	39	19.4%
No Response	26	12.9%

BUDGET CUTS

Question 2 – Do you support or oppose further spending reductions?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Support	102	49.8%
Oppose	93	45.4%
No Response	10	4.9%

Question 2a – If you selected “support” on Question 2, which of the following should be further and significantly reduced?

Answer	Count	% of Total
No Response	93	45.4%
All agencies, across-the-board	59	28.8%
Corrections	27	13.2%
Some combination of agencies	14	6.8%
Health and Social Services	8	3.9%
Education	2	1.0%

Question 9 – Do you support further budget cuts to balance the budget?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Support	80	39.8%
Oppose	93	46.3%
No Response	28	13.9%

Question 10 – Do you support budget cuts and additional revenue enhancements such as eliminating the tax exemption on sweetened beverages or placing tolls on HOV Lanes to balance the budget?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Support	129	64.2%
Oppose	36	17.9%
No Response	36	17.9%

VOTER PROTECTION

Question 13 – Should it be a priority to reform Proposition 105 to allow the Legislature to utilize voter protected funds to balance the budget?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Yes	96	47.8%
No	77	38.3%
No Response	28	13.9%

Question 5 – Should voters (you) grant the legislature authority to reduce or otherwise modify “voter-protected” spending?

Answer	Count	% of Total
No, never	65	31.7%
Yes, but only to balance the budget in times of crisis	99	48.3%
Yes, always	34	16.6%
No Response	7	3.4%

EDUCATION

Question 3 – Do you support or oppose further reductions in the following areas of education?

a) Universities/community colleges

Answer	Count	% of Total
Support	44	21.5%
Oppose	152	74.1%
No Response	9	4.4%

b) K-12

Answer	Count	% of Total
Support	41	20.0%

Oppose	154	75.1%
No Response	10	4.9%

c) Voter-protected education spending

Answer	Count	% of Total
Support	84	41.0%
Oppose	106	51.7%

BUDGET POLICY PRIORITY

Question 6 – Which of the following should be a higher priority?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Balancing the 2009 and 2010 budgets	23	11.2%
Permanently correcting the structural deficit	173	84.4%
No Response	9	4.4%

Question 8 – Which is a higher priority?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Balancing the budget	43	21.4%
Fiscal incentives for economic recovery	121	60.2%
No Response	37	18.4%

Question 12 – Do you think it should be a priority for any ballot initiatives to balance the tax code like other states in the mountain west region?

Answer	Count	% of Total
Yes	122	60.7%
No	29	14.4%
No Response	50	24.9%

REVENUE ENHANCEMENT STRATEGIES

Question 4 – Do you support or oppose other revenue enhancement options?

a) Sale/lease of state assets

Answer	Count	% of Total
Support	147	71.7%
Oppose	48	23.4%
No Response	10	4.9%

b) Borrowing

<i>Answer</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Support	134	65.4%
Oppose	60	29.3%
No Response	11	5.4%

c) Monetizing of future revenue streams (i.e., tobacco settlement, lottery)

<i>Answer</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Support	133	64.9%
Oppose	56	27.3%
No Response	16	7.8%

d) Expansion of gaming

<i>Answer</i>	<i>Count</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Support	98	47.8%
Oppose	97	47.3%
No Response	10	4.9%