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Survey of Bay Area Residents Conducted for: Bay Area Council September 29-October 2, 2013 n=509; Margin of Error: +4.3 percentage points ResearchNow web panel EMC Research #13-5013

Where applicable, results compared to previous Bay Area survey: n=475, MOE + 4.5% July 31 – August 1, 2013 EMC Research 13-4973

All numbers in this document represent percentage (%) values, unless otherwise noted. Please note that due to rounding, percentages may not add up to exactly 100.

Thank you for taking this short survey about important Bay Area issues. Your opinions will be used for research purposes only and your responses will remain completely confidential.

1.	What county do you live in:				
	Alameda	37			
	Contra Costa	25			
	San Mateo	16			
	San Francisco	22			
	Other →TERMINATE				
2.	In what year were you born? (Terminate under 18)				
	1996 or younger → TERMINATE				
	1984-1995 (18-29)	17			
	1974-1983 (30-39)	18			
	1964-1973 (40-49)	12			
	1949-1963 (50-64)	33			
	1948 or earlier (65+)	20			
3.	Are you?				
	Male	48			
	Female	52			

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Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each of the following:

	Strongly	Somewhat	Somewhat	Strongly	Don't
SCALE:	agree	agree	disagree	disagree	know
(RANDON	ΛΙΖΕ)				
•	•	d a lot about a pos	ssible BART strike		
Oct-13	61	31	4	3	1
Aug-13	69	25	3	2	1
5. A B	BART strike would	l significantly imp	act me and my far	nily	
Oct-13	20	27	25	26	2
Aug-13	18	31	23	25	2
6. A B	BART strike would	l significantly imp	act our local econ	omy	
Oct-13	58	31	6	1	3
Aug-13	58	34	4	2	2
(END RAN	DOMIZE)				
7. Wł	sich of the follow	ing is closest to w	our opinion.		
7. VVI	lich of the follow	ing is closest to yo	our opinion.	Aug-13	Oct-13
	I strongly supp	ort a strike by BAF	RT workers	9	6
	I somewhat sup	pport a strike by E	BART workers	21	18
	I somewhat op	pose a strike by B	ART workers	26	27
	I strongly oppo	se a strike by BAR	T workers	44	50
8. If limited funds are available, do you think BART should invest more m				invest more mo	ney in:
		-	ining the transit sy		, 78
	Increasing wor	ker pay and benef	fits		9

Don't know

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- 9. As you may know, the contract negotiations between BART workers and management have been ongoing for many months.
 - Some say BART management is refusing to address important issues such as safety for workers and riders, job training and adequate staffing levels. Additionally, workers have gone five years without a raise, while the cost of living continues to grow each year.
 - Others say that BART workers are among the highest paid mass transit workers in the nation, with average annual compensation of \$130,000 including pay and benefits, and that BART must hold the line on rising compensation costs so that it can invest in replacing aging rail cars, tracks, and train control and electrical systems.
 - BART workers are asking for the equivalent of an 18% raise over four years. BART management is offering a raise of 10%. The two sides remain far apart on issues of cost-sharing for pensions and health benefits.

	Given what you've read, what would you like to see happen?	
	BART management should accept the union's offer in order to avoid a strike	6
	BART workers should accept management's offer in order to avoid a strike	63
	The two parties should continue to negotiate towards a mutually acceptable contract even if it means a possible strike	26
	Don't Know	5
10.	If there is a BART strike, will you change your commute or travel behavior?	
	Yes	38
	No	57
	Don't know	6
(ASK	ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAID "YES" IN Q10)	
11.	How would a BART strike change your commute or travel behavior?	
	Work from home	18
	Drive a car (your own, rental, Zipcar, City Car Share, etc.)	49
	Carpool or rideshare	13
	Other transit	20

The following are just a few questions for statistical purposes only. Please remember all responses are confidential.

12.	How often do you take BART?	
	Five or more days a week	8
	2 to 4 days a week	11
	About once a week	13
	Rarely	59
	Not at all	4
13.	Are you registered to vote as a:	
	Democrat	50
	Republican	18
	No party preference	21
	Other	5
	Not registered to vote	6
14.	What is the last grade you completed in school?	
	Some grade school	C
	Some high school	1
	Graduated High School	6
	Technical/Vocational	3
	Some College	33
	Graduated College (BA, Bachelor)	37
	Graduate/Professional (MA, Master, PhD, MBA, Doctorate)	19
	Prefer not to respond	C
15.	What is your employment status?	
	Employed	62
	Unemployed	4
	Retired	23
	Student	5
	Homemaker	3
	Other	3
	Prefer not to respond	1

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16.	Do you consider yourself to be?				
	Latino or Hispanic	10			
	Black or African American	6			
	White or Caucasian	58			
	Asian or Pacific Islander	21			
	Something else/Other	3			
	Prefer not to respond	1			
17.	Are you or is any member of your family a member of a union or employee association?				
	Yes, Self	14			
	Yes, Family Member	13			
	Yes, Both	4			
	No	66			
	Prefer not to respond	2			
18.	Are you or is any member of your family a BART employee?				
	Yes, Self	1			
	Yes, Family Member	2			
	Yes, Both	-			
	No	96			
	Prefer not to respond	0			