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## Recent Polling Finds Overwhelming Majorities of San Francisco Voters Strongly Support Alternative Approaches to Public Safety

A recent Tulchin Research poll of voters in San Francisco reveals strong and consistent support for alternatives to enhanced police surveillance as a way to strengthen public safety. The poll was conducted on behalf of the ACLU of Northern California and shows that overwhelming majorities of San Francisco voters express support for alternatives to police surveillance including investing more resources in mental health and drug addiction services, violence prevention programs, and improved lighting. We present findings from the poll below.

### Voters Strongly Support Alternative Approaches to Public Safety

Our poll shows that voters in San Francisco overwhelmingly support alternative proposals to help public officials take a more comprehensive approach to public safety that do not rely on surveillance or police. Specifically, voters strongly support proposals to devote more resources to drug and mental health services and violence prevention programs, hiring more mental health professionals and social workers to help in certain situations with which police officers may not be as well suited and increased lighting on streets to deter crime. Support for each of these proposals is both wide and deep as each attracts support from more than 8 in 10 San Francisco voters and the “strong” support of over 6 in 10 voters.

### **Support for Alternative Approaches to Public Safety**

Here is a list of proposals that some have discussed using. Please indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each one.			
	<i>Total Support</i>	<i>Strongly Support</i>	<i>Total Oppose</i>
<i>“Focus more resources on drug and mental health services and violence prevention programs in high crime areas”</i>	92%	72%	8%
<i>“Hire more mental health care providers and social workers to help with substance misuse, mental illness, and other issues that are not addressed by police officers”</i>	86%	70%	13%
<i>“Add more lighting on streets to deter and reduce criminal activity”</i>	84%	62%	13%

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**Survey Methodology:** From April 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Tulchin Research conducted an online statewide survey among 372 likely November 2022 voters in San Francisco County California. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 5.08 percentage points.