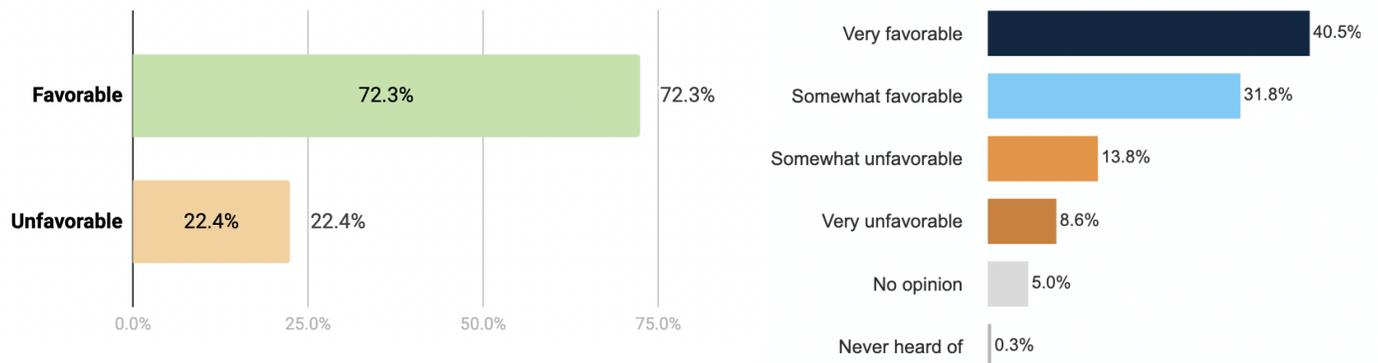# TEXAS STATEWIDE – PUBLIC SURVEY MEMORANDUM

DATE: Friday, April 2, 2021
TO: Texas Municipal Police Association, Texas Fraternal Order of Police, Dallas Police Association, Houston Police Officers' Union & Harris County Deputies' Organization
FROM: Jacqueline Boggess – Director of Insights & Communication
RE: Survey of Likely General Election Voters

METHODOLOGY: This probabilistic survey was conducted by Cygnal March 22 – 24, 2021, with 600 likely general election voters. It has a margin of error of ±4.0%. Interviews were conducted using Interactive Voice Response (IVR) to landline phones, and voters received invitations to participate in the survey via SMS and email with a secure link tied to their voter record. This survey was weighted to a likely general election universe.
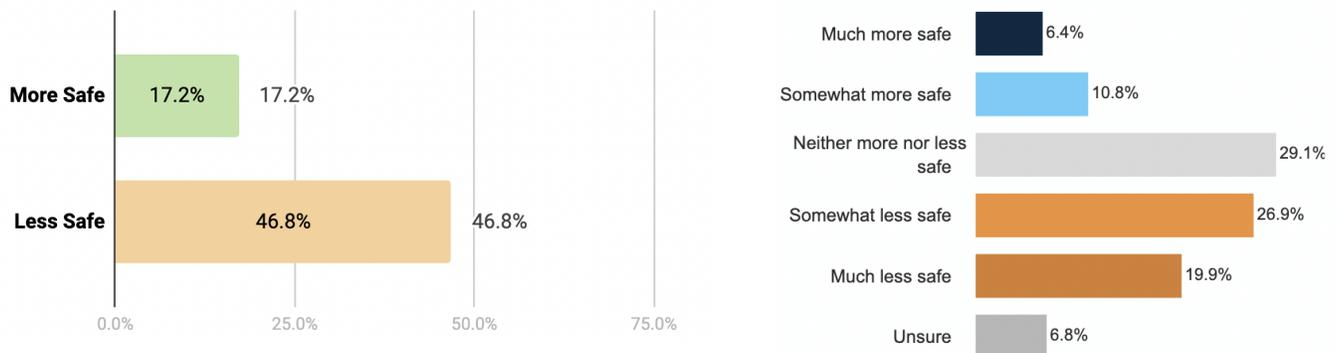

Texas voters have a favorable opinion of local law enforcement.

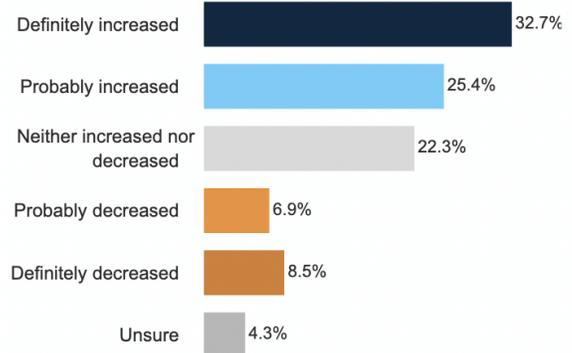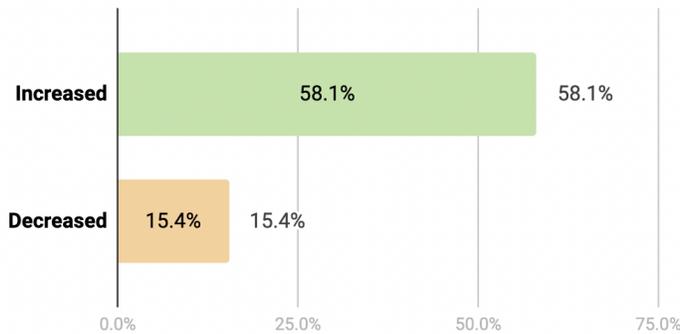1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of your local law enforcement?

Nearly half of respondents think the state is less safe than it was 5-10 years ago.

2. In your opinion, is Texas more or less safe today than it was 5-10 years ago?
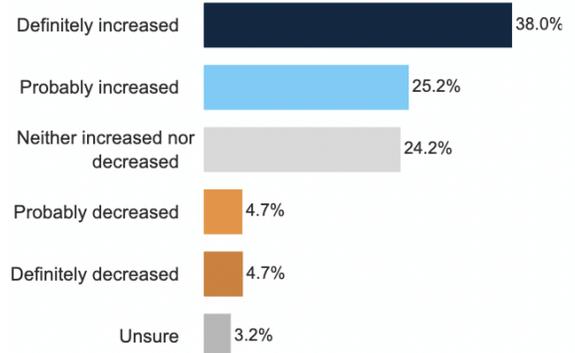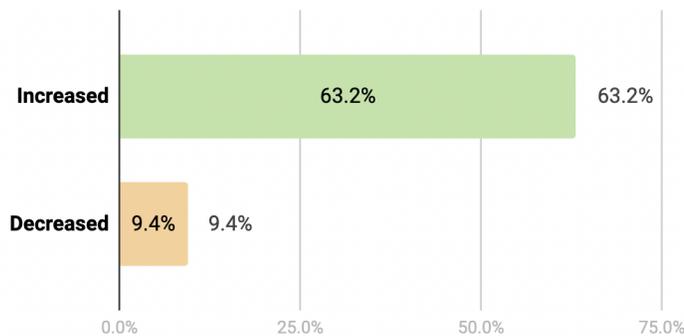
More than half of voters want their local police force's budget to be increased.

3. In your opinion, should the budget for your local police force be increased or decrease

Increased	58.1%
Decreased	15.4%

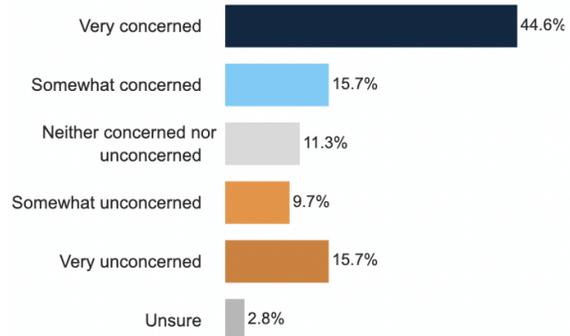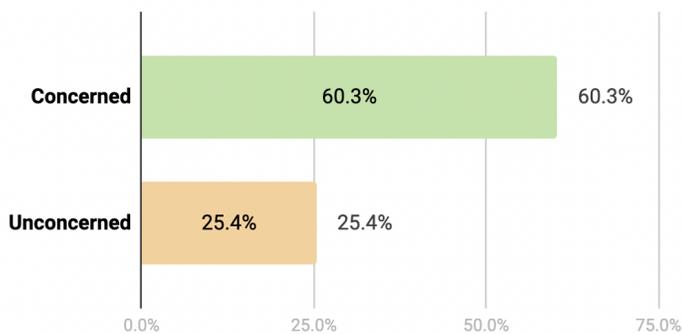|	
Definitely increased	32.7%
Probably increased	25.4%
Neither increased nor decreased	22.3%
Probably decreased	6.9%
Definitely decreased	8.5%
Unsure	4.3%

Nearly two-thirds of Texas voters want more police officers on the street.

4. In your opinion, should the number of local police officers on the street be increased or decreased?

Increased	63.2%
Decreased	9.4%

Definitely increased	38.0%
Probably increased	25.2%
Neither increased nor decreased	24.2%
Probably decreased	4.7%
Definitely decreased	4.7%
Unsure	3.2%

Just over 60% of Texans are concerned the reforms could make their city or town less safe.

5. How concerned are you that reforms to law enforcement might make your town or city less safe?

Concerned	60.3%
Unconcerned	25.4%

Very concerned	44.6%
Somewhat concerned	15.7%
Neither concerned nor unconcerned	11.3%
Somewhat unconcerned	9.7%
Very unconcerned	15.7%
Unsure	2.8%

ABOUT CYGNAL: Cygnal is an award-winning national public opinion and predictive analytics firm that pioneered multi-mode polling, peer-to-peer text collection, and Political Emotive Analysis. Cygnal was recently named the #1 Republican private pollster by Nate Silver's *FiveThirtyEight*, as well as the #1 most accurate polling and research firm in the country for 2018 by *The New York Times*. Its team members have worked in 47 states and countries on more than 1,500 corporate, public affairs, and political campaigns.