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November 3rd, 2005, Redistricting Survey

The Rose Institute of State & Local Government today announced the results of a statewide survey that found that Proposition 77 is trailing among likely voters by a margin of 34 percent to 54 percent.

The survey also indicated that:

- 44 percent of voters believe that the redistricting reform proposal is “an honest effort to reform and improve California government,” while 39 percent consider it “a Republican power grab.”
- The Governor's approval rating is only 39 percent, down from 47 percent in our April survey. This drop in approval is the biggest reason for Proposition 77's struggles: 62 percent of the Governor's supporters also support Proposition 77, while 75 percent of those who disapprove of the Governor also oppose Proposition 77.
- 71 percent of respondents believe that redistricting is a "conflict of interest" when performed by incumbent legislators.

Dr. Ralph A. Rossum, Director of the Rose Institute, commented: “This survey shows the difficult challenge that reform supporters face when taking on the direct self-interest of entrenched incumbents.”

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Rossum added: “The massive anti-77 campaign is clearly having an effect, while the Yes campaign ads have been less convincing.”

The statewide survey was conducted between October 31st and November 2nd with 712 likely voters. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent with 95 percent confidence. Detailed results are appended.

About the Rose Institute:

The Rose Institute of State and Local Government at Claremont McKenna College provides research and management experiences for Claremont McKenna College students while conducting and publishing research on California government and politics.

Using computer technology, students and faculty in the Rose Institute advance knowledge about politics and provide services that assist citizens to become better informed about public policy issues. Through the development of large computerized databases and advanced geographic retrieval systems, students become involved in projects focusing on such topics as redistricting, fiscal analysis, California demographics, survey research, and legal and regulatory analysis. The Rose Institute also works in collaboration with the Kosmont Companies to publish the annual *Kosmont-Rose Institute Cost of Doing Business Survey*®.

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