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**Goucher College Poll results: Scott, Mosby facing tough reelection bids; crime and public safety continues to be the key issue facing Baltimore City; city schools and services receive low marks; Bates earns solid job approval rating; Baltimore voters optimistic about the future of the city**

**BALTIMORE** (October 3, 2023)—The Goucher College Poll, in partnership with *The Baltimore Banner*, was conducted from September 19 to 23, 2023. It surveyed 711 Baltimore City registered voters (MOE=+/-3.7%). Voters were asked their opinions about key city officials, entities, and issues facing Baltimore City; their opinions about the direction of and optimism toward Baltimore City; and their local media consumption. Additionally, the 537 registered Democrats (MOE=+/-4.2%) in the sample were asked questions about the upcoming Democratic primary races for Baltimore City mayor and City Council president.

The poll was funded and co-sponsored by the Sarah T. Hughes Center for Politics at Goucher College and *The Baltimore Banner*. See the [results by demographics](#).

**Attitudes Toward Baltimore City Officials and Entities**

Baltimore City voters were asked to evaluate several government officials and entities.

- **57 percent** approve of the job Ivan Bates is doing as Baltimore City state's attorney, **21 percent** disapprove, and **20 percent** don't know.
- **37 percent** approve of the job Brandon Scott is doing as mayor, **56 percent** disapprove, and **5 percent** don't know.

- **34 percent** approve of the job Richard Worley is doing as Baltimore City police commissioner, 33 percent disapprove, and 32 percent don't know.
- **31 percent** approve of the job the Baltimore City Police Department is doing, 60 percent disapprove, 7 percent don't know.
- **26 percent** approve of the job Sonja Santelises is doing as CEO of Baltimore City Schools, **51 percent disapprove**, and **21 percent** don't know.
- **26 percent** approve of the job Nick Mosby is doing as Baltimore City Council president, **60 percent** disapprove, and **13 percent** don't know.

## Perceptions of Key Issues Facing Baltimore City

**Sixty-three percent** of voters say that Baltimore City is off on the wrong track, and **21 percent** say it's headed in the right direction. At the same time, a majority of voters (**55 percent**) remain optimistic about the future of the city.

Voters were asked whether a series of issues were major, minor, or not issues facing Baltimore City residents. Identical to the June 2022 poll of Baltimoreans, crime and public safety, litter and illegal dumping, and a lack of affordable housing are the most pressing issues facing city voters.

Percent who say it's a "major" issue:

- Crime and public safety: **90 percent**
- Litter and illegal dumping: **76 percent**
- A lack of affordable housing: **74 percent**
- The local tax rate: **66 percent**
- A lack of employment or job opportunities: **58 percent**
- Inadequate public transportation: **51 percent**

Baltimore City voters give public schools and overall city services poor marks.

Percent who give each a "D" or "F" grade:

- Baltimore City Public Schools: **63 percent**
- Baltimore City services: **59 percent**

"The persistent problem of crime and frustrations toward city schools and services have certainly soured attitudes toward elected officials—with the notable exception of City State's Attorney Ivan Bates, who earns solid job approval numbers—and the direction of the city," said Mileah Kromer, director of the Sarah T. Hughes Center for Politics at Goucher College. "But despite the problems facing Baltimore City, voters maintain a sense of optimism that things can get better."

## Crime and Public Safety

As noted above, crime and public safety is the most pressing issue for Baltimoreans.

Almost half (**47 percent**) of voters say crime has gotten worse in their neighborhoods over the past year, and **40 percent** say it has "stayed about the same."

The poll finds that voters are also concerned about young Baltimoreans being victims of crime: **63 percent** think young Baltimoreans are more likely to be a victim of crime than they were last year.

Voters are supportive of a variety of measures lawmakers have proposed that are aimed at reducing crime:

- **91 percent** support allocating more city resources to address youth violence.
- **85 percent** support increasing police presence and the number of patrols throughout the city.

- **81 percent** support imposing stricter gun control laws and related punishments for gun crimes.
- **79 percent** support imposing harsher punishments for violent offenders.
- **75 percent** support allocating funding from the police budget to various social, mental health, and drug treatment programs.
- **58 percent** support increasing the rate of prosecution for non-violent offenses like drug use, petty theft, and vandalism.

When asked about funding levels for Baltimore City police, **48 percent** think it should be increased, **28 percent** say it should be kept about the same, and **16 percent** think it should be decreased.

## Evaluations of Local Media

Baltimore-based local media is trusted by a majority of voters, and a majority indicate that it will play a significant role in helping them decide who they'll vote for in the upcoming citywide elections.

- **65 percent** of voters say they trust that the news and information coming from local, Baltimore-based media is fair and accurate "some" or "a lot" of the time.
- **53 percent** of voters say that Baltimore-based local news will help determine their vote choices "somewhat" or "a great deal."

Voters were also asked about whether they've consumed information from some local outlets over the past month:

- **WBAL-TV: 69 percent**
- **WJZ-TV: 67 percent**
- **Fox45 TV: 58 percent**
- *The Baltimore Sun*: **55 percent**
- **WMAR-TV: 47 percent**
- *The Baltimore Banner*: **38 percent**
- **WBAL Radio: 36 percent**
- **WYPR Radio: 25 percent**
- **WEAA Radio: 22 percent**
- *AFRO News*: **19 percent**

## Citywide Democratic Primary Race

Registered Democratic voters were asked additional questions about the upcoming primary races for Baltimore City mayor and City Council president.

If the Democratic primary election for Baltimore City mayor were held today, **27 percent** would vote to reelect Mayor Brandon Scott, **39 percent** would vote for former Mayor Sheila Dixon, **23 percent** would prefer "some other candidate," and **8 percent** are undecided.

Respondents who say they would prefer to vote for "some other candidate" were asked whether Scott or Dixon had the better chance of winning their vote:

- **36 percent** say Brandon Scott.
- **33 percent** say Sheila Dixon.
- **21 percent** say "neither" or they "wouldn't vote."
- **7 percent** say they are unsure.

Democratic voters were also asked how they viewed Mayor Brandon Scott and former Mayor Sheila Dixon.

- **37 percent** have a favorable view of Mayor Brandon Scott and **53 percent** have an unfavorable view.
- **47 percent** have a favorable view of former Mayor Sheila Dixon and **45 percent** have an unfavorable view.

Additionally, Democratic voters were asked whether Brandon Scott or Sheila Dixon were best able to handle a series of key issues:

Managing and staffing city agencies

- Brandon Scott: **33 percent**
- Sheila Dixon: **50 percent**

Working with private industry to promote and improve economic development

- Brandon Scott: **36 percent**
- Sheila Dixon: **47 percent**

Reducing crime and improving overall public safety

- Brandon Scott: **31 percent**
- Sheila Dixon: **50 percent**

Improving public education

- Brandon Scott: **33 percent**
- Sheila Dixon: **46 percent**

Attracting and retaining Baltimore City residents

- Brandon Scott: **34 percent**
- Sheila Dixon: **44 percent**

Finally, Baltimore City Democratic voters were asked about the primary race for City Council president.

If the Democratic primary election for Baltimore City Council president were held today, **17 percent** would vote to reelect City Council President Nick Mosby, **30 percent** would vote to elect Councilman Zeke Cohen (D-1), **34 percent** would prefer “some other candidate,” and **18 percent** are undecided.

“Incumbency comes with immense power but also accountability. Given the frustrations over crime and city services expressed by voters, it’s not surprising that both Mayor Brandon Scott and City Council President Nick Mosby are facing tough reelection contests from viable challengers,” says Kromer. “With so many voters saying they want to see other candidates in the race, the key electoral dynamics to watch over the next few months are whether other high-quality candidates get into those respective races—and, of course, whether the incumbents can improve their standing with the public.”

## About the Goucher College Poll

The Goucher College Poll is conducted under the auspices of the Sarah T. Hughes Center for Politics at Goucher College. The center is directed by Dr. Mileah Kromer, associate professor of political science.

The Goucher College Poll is funded by the Sarah T. Hughes Center for Politics endowment and partnerships with trusted media organizations. The mission of the Goucher College Poll is to improve public discourse in Maryland by providing neutral, unbiased, and independent information on resident perceptions and opinions. The data collected by the poll are used to support faculty and student research.

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## Survey Methodology

The Goucher College Poll was conducted by telephone from September 19 to 23, 2023, with 711 registered voters living in Baltimore City. To ensure all voters are represented, the poll utilized a random selection of Baltimore City voter lists containing all currently registered voters identifying party and matched with a dual-frame random sample of cellular and landline numbers. Braun Research collected the data and Aristotle supplied the sample of telephone numbers. Interviews were conducted from 1 to 9 p.m. Interviewers attempted to reach respondents with working phone numbers a maximum of five times.

Eighty-three percent of the interviews were completed on a cell phone and 17 percent were conducted on a landline. Fifty-one percent of the cell phone interviews were conducted via text-to-web. Interviews for this survey were completed with 711 registered voters, including 537 Democrats. For sample sizes of 711 and 537, there is a 95 percent probability the survey results have a  $\pm 3.7$  and  $\pm 4.2$  percentage point sampling error from the actual population distribution for any given survey question, respectively.

Margins of error are higher for subsamples. In addition to sampling error, all surveys are subject to sources of non-sampling error, including question wording effects, question order effects, and non-response bias. The margin of error is not adjusted for design effects. Data is weighted by gender, age, race, and educational attainment based on the totality of the voter rolls and to represent population targets established by the U.S. Census and [StatisticalAtlas.com](http://StatisticalAtlas.com).

## Survey Question Design

The Goucher College Poll provides the questions as worded and the order in which they are administered to respondents.

**BRACKETED ITEMS [ ]:** Items and statements in brackets are rotated to ensure respondents do not receive a set order of response options, which maintains question construction integrity by avoiding respondent agreement based on question composition.

Example: [agree or disagree] or [disagree or agree]

**PROBE (p):** Some questions contain a “probe” maneuver to determine a respondent’s intensity of opinion/perspective. Probe techniques used in this questionnaire mainly consist of asking respondents if their responses are more intense than initially provided.

Example: Do you have a [favorable or unfavorable] opinion of President Joe Biden?

**PROBE:** Would you say very favorable/unfavorable?

**OPEN-ENDED:** No response options are provided for an open-ended question, i.e., it is entirely up to the respondent to provide the response information. Any response options provided to the interviewer are not read to the respondent; they are only used to help reduce interviewer error and time in coding the response.

**VOLUNTEER (v):** Volunteer responses means the interviewer did not offer that response option in the question as read to the interviewer. Interviewers are instructed not to offer “don’t know” or “refused” or “some other opinion” to the respondent, but the respondent is free to volunteer that information for the interviewer to record.

## Sample demographics

		Baltimore City registered voters	Baltimore City registered Democratic voters
		n=711, +/-3.7%	n=537, +/-4.2%
<b><i>The sample is weighted by gender, age, race, and education:</i></b>			
<b>Gender</b>	Male	45	43
	Female	55	57
<b>Age</b>	18-24	4	3
	25-34	20	19
	35-44	21	22
	45-54	15	14
	55-64	17	17
	65+	24	24
<b>Race</b>	White alone	29	29
	Black alone	64	65
	All other	7	7
<b>Education</b>	High school graduate / GED or less	38	36
	Some college or associate's degree	29	27
	Bachelor's degree or higher	33	37
<b><i>Other demographic characteristics:</i></b>			
<b>Income</b>	Under \$25,000	21	19
	\$25,000-\$49,999	24	22
	\$50,000-\$74,999	18	19
	\$75,000-\$99,999	12	12
	\$100,000-\$149,999	13	15
	\$150,000 or more	12	13
<b>Party</b>	Democrat	80	100
	Republican	8	--
	Unaffiliated	10	--
	Other party	2	--
<b>Ideology</b>	Conservative	21	19
	Moderate	44	44
	Progressive	35	38

The following questions were asked to the full sample of 711 Baltimore City registered voters. Results are in percent and may not add up exactly to 100 due to weighting and rounding. Questions appear in the order in which they were administered to the respondent.

Read the [methodological information](#) about the Goucher College/*Baltimore Banner* poll of Baltimore City voters conducted in June 2022.

		September 2023 n=711, MOE=+/-3.7%	June 2022 n=895, MOE=+/-3.4%
<b>Q: TRACK</b>	To get started, do you think things in Baltimore City <b>[are heading in the right direction or are off on the wrong track]</b> ?		
	Wrong track	63	67
	Right direction	21	18
	Don't know (v)	13	13
	Refused (v)	3	2
<b>Q: OPT</b>	Do you generally hold a(n) <b>[optimistic or pessimistic]</b> view when thinking about the future of Baltimore City?		
	Very pessimistic (p)	16	18
	Pessimistic	19	17
	Optimistic	41	37
	Very optimistic (p)	14	17
	Don't know (v)	8	9
	Refused (v)	2	2
<b>Q: OFFICIALS</b>	Next, I'd like you to rate various city public officials and entities. Please tell me whether you <b>[approve or disapprove]</b> of the job each one is doing: <b>[items randomized]</b>		
<b>Q: SCOTT</b>	<b><i>Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott</i></b>		
	Strongly disapprove (p)	30	22
	Disapprove	26	24
	Approve	28	30
	Strongly approve (p)	9	14
	Don't know (v)	5	9
	Refused (v)	1	1
<b>Q: MOSBY</b>	<b><i>City Council President Nick Mosby</i></b>		
	Strongly disapprove (p)	30	32
	Disapprove	30	25
	Approve	22	20
	Strongly approve (p)	4	8
	Don't know (v)	13	12
	Refused (v)	1	2



<b>Q: BATES</b>	<b>City State's Attorney Ivan Bates</b>		<b>*Marilyn Mosby</b>
	Strongly disapprove (p)	8	36
	Disapprove	13	24
	Approve	39	18
	Strongly approve (p)	18	12
	Don't know (v)	20	8
	Refused (v)	1	2
<b>Q: BCPD</b>	<b>The Baltimore City Police Department</b>		
	Strongly disapprove (p)	26	28
	Disapprove	34	31
	Approve	25	23
	Strongly approve (p)	6	8
	Don't know (v)	7	8
	Refused (v)	2	2
<b>Q: WORLEY</b>	<b>Baltimore City Police Commissioner Richard Worley</b>		<b>*Michael Harrison</b>
	Strongly disapprove (p)	14	23
	Disapprove	19	28
	Approve	28	24
	Strongly approve (p)	6	8
	Don't know (v)	32	16
	Refused (v)	3	1
<b>Q: SANTELISES</b>	<b>CEO of Baltimore City Schools Sonja Santelises</b>		
	Strongly disapprove (p)	28	30
	Disapprove	23	26
	Approve	21	18
	Strongly approve (p)	5	8
	Don't know (v)	21	16
	Refused (v)	1	2
<b>Q: GEN_ISSUES</b>	Next, I'm going to read you a list of general issues. For each one, please tell me whether you think it's a <b>[major issue, minor issue, or not an issue]</b> facing Baltimore City residents... <b>[items randomized]</b>		
<b>Q: AFFORD</b>	<b>A lack of affordable housing</b>		
	Major issue	74	71
	Minor issue	15	19
	Not an issue	7	7
	Don't know (v)	4	3
	Refused (v)	0	0

<b>Q: LITTER</b>	<b><i>Litter and illegal dumping on the streets</i></b>		
	Major issue	76	69
	Minor issue	19	25
	Not an issue	3	4
	Don't know (v)	1	2
	Refused (v)	0	0
<b>Q: PUB_TRANSIT</b>	<b><i>Inadequate public transportation</i></b>		
	Major issue	51	44
	Minor issue	25	31
	Not an issue	15	17
	Don't know (v)	9	8
	Refused (v)	0	1
<b>Q: JOB_OPP</b>	<b><i>A lack of employment or job opportunities</i></b>		
	Major issue	58	57
	Minor issue	26	24
	Not an issue	10	15
	Don't know (v)	5	3
	Refused (v)	1	1
<b>Q: CRIME</b>	<b><i>Crime and public safety issues</i></b>		
	Major issue	90	90
	Minor issue	9	7
	Not an issue	1	2
	Don't know (v)	1	1
	Refused (v)	0	1
<b>Q: TAXRATE</b>	<b><i>The local tax rate</i></b>		
	Major issue	66	60
	Minor issue	22	27
	Not an issue	8	8
	Don't know (v)	3	4
	Refused (v)	0	1
<b>Q: GRADE_SCH</b>	<b>Changing topics to education and schools, students are often given the grades A, B, C, D, or FAIL to denote the quality of their work. Suppose the public schools in Baltimore City were graded in the same way. What grade would you give Baltimore City's public schools—A, B, C, D, or FAIL?</b>		
	A	1	3
	B	6	6
	C	22	22
	D	21	22
	F / Fail	42	39
	Don't know (v)	7	7
	Refused (v)	1	1

<b>Q: GRADE_SERVICE</b>	Now thinking about Baltimore City government, what grade would you give the Baltimore City government— <b>A, B, C, D, or FAIL</b> —when it comes to providing overall city services?		
	A	0	--
	B	12	--
	C	26	--
	D	25	--
	F / Fail	34	--
	Don't know (v)	3	--
	Refused (v)	0	--
<b>Q: CRIME_PERCEPTION</b>	Changing topics to crime and public safety, does it seem like there is <b>[more or less]</b> crime in your neighborhood than there was a year ago, or has it stayed about the same?		
	Less crime	11	--
	Stayed about the same	40	--
	More crime	47	--
	Don't know / Unsure (v)	2	--
	Refused (v)	0	--
<b>Q: CRIME_YOUNG</b>	Now, I want you to think just about young Baltimoreans, those under 18 years old. Compared to last year, does it seem like young Baltimoreans are <b>[more or less]</b> likely to be a victim of crime, or has it stayed about the same?		
	Less likely	4	--
	Stayed about the same	25	--
	More likely	63	--
	Don't know / Unsure (v)	9	--
	Refused (v)	0	--
<b>Q: ADDRESS</b>	The following is a list of ways that lawmakers could address the crime in Baltimore City. Please tell me whether you would <b>[support or oppose]</b> each one: <i>[items randomized]</i>		
<b>Q: ALLOCATE</b>	<b><i>Allocating funding from the police budget to various social, mental health, and drug treatment programs</i></b>		
	Strongly oppose (p)	11	11
	Oppose	9	13
	Support	28	25
	Strongly support (p)	47	43
	Don't know (v)	3	7
	Refused (v)	1	1

<b>Q: HARSH</b>	<b><i>Imposing harsher punishments for violent offenders</i></b>		
	Strongly oppose (p)	7	5
	Oppose	8	8
	Support	22	24
	Strongly support (p)	57	58
	Don't know (v)	5	4
	Refused (v)	1	2
<b>Q: PROSECUTION</b>	<b><i>Increasing the rate of prosecution for non-violent offenses like drug use, petty theft, and vandalism</i></b>		
	Strongly oppose (p)	20	21
	Oppose	18	21
	Support	31	24
	Strongly support (p)	27	27
	Don't know (v)	4	6
	Refused (v)	1	1
<b>Q: PRESENCE</b>	<b><i>Increasing police presence and the number of patrols throughout the city</i></b>		
	Strongly oppose (p)	6	7
	Oppose	6	9
	Support	27	26
	Strongly support (p)	58	54
	Don't know (v)	2	4
	Refused (v)	0	1
<b>Q: GUN</b>	<b><i>Imposing stricter gun control laws and related punishments for gun crimes</i></b>		
	Strongly oppose (p)	10	9
	Oppose	6	6
	Support	19	22
	Strongly support (p)	62	58
	Don't know (v)	2	3
	Refused (v)	1	1
<b>Q: YOUTH</b>	<b><i>Allocating more city resources to address youth violence</i></b>		
	Strongly oppose (p)	5	--
	Oppose	3	--
	Support	27	--
	Strongly support (p)	64	--
	Don't know (v)	1	--
	Refused (v)	0	--

<b>Q: POL_FUND</b>	Thinking generally, do you think that the funding for Baltimore City Police needs to be [increased, kept about the same, or decreased]?		
	Decreased	16	17
	Kept about the same	28	30
	Increased	48	44
	Don't know (v)	7	10
	Refused (v)	1	1
<b>Q: MEDIA</b>	Next, I'd like to ask you about your local news consumption. To start, I'm going to read you a list of some Baltimore-based news outlets and stations. For each one, please tell me whether you've consumed news or information from them in the last month: [items randomized]		
<b>Q: AFRO</b>	<b><i>The AFRO News</i></b>		
	No	76	--
	Yes	19	--
	Don't know (v)	4	--
	Refused (v)	1	--
<b>Q: SUN</b>	<b><i>The Baltimore Sun</i></b>		
	No	42	--
	Yes	55	--
	Don't know (v)	2	--
	Refused (v)	0	--
<b>Q: BANNER</b>	<b><i>The Baltimore Banner</i></b>		
	No	57	--
	Yes	38	--
	Don't know (v)	4	--
	Refused (v)	1	--
<b>Q: WEA</b>	<b><i>WEAA Radio</i></b>		
	No	70	--
	Yes	22	--
	Don't know (v)	7	--
	Refused (v)	1	--
<b>Q: WBAL_RADIO</b>	<b><i>WBAL Radio</i></b>		
	No	60	--
	Yes	36	--
	Don't know (v)	4	--
	Refused (v)	1	--
<b>Q: WYPR</b>	<b><i>WYPR Radio</i></b>		
	No	68	--
	Yes	25	--
	Don't know (v)	6	--
	Refused (v)	1	--

<b>Q: WBAL_TV</b>	<b>WBAL-TV</b>		
	No	28	--
	Yes	69	--
	Don't know (v)	3	--
	Refused (v)	0	--
<b>Q: WJZ_TV</b>	<b>WJZ-TV</b>		
	No	30	--
	Yes	67	--
	Don't know (v)	2	--
	Refused (v)	1	--
<b>Q: WMAR_TV</b>	<b>WMAR-TV</b>		
	No	47	--
	Yes	47	--
	Don't know (v)	5	--
	Refused (v)	0	--
<b>Q: FOX45_TV</b>	<b>Fox45 TV</b>		
	No	40	--
	Yes	58	--
	Don't know (v)	1	--
	Refused (v)	1	--
<b>Q: MEDIA_TRUST</b>	Thinking generally, how much do you trust that the news and information coming from Baltimore-based local news organizations are fair and accurate: <b>[not at all, a little, some, or a lot]</b> ?		
	Not at all	7	--
	A little	20	--
	Some	38	--
	A lot	27	--
	Don't know / It depends (v)	9	--
	Refused (v)	0	--
<b>Q: MEDIA_VOTE</b>	Thinking ahead to the upcoming citywide elections, to what extent will Baltimore-based local news help you determine your vote choice: <b>[not at all, a little, somewhat, or a great deal]</b> ?		
	Not at all	24	--
	A little	20	--
	Some	32	--
	A lot	21	--
	Don't know / It depends (v)	1	--
	I don't vote / I don't care about city elections (v)	2	--
	Refused (v)	0	--

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**September 2023**  
n=537, MOE=+/-4.2%

<b>Q: SCOTT_FAV</b>	Since you said you were a registered Democrat, I'd like to ask you a couple questions about the Democratic primary for the upcoming citywide elections. To start, do you have a <b>[favorable or unfavorable]</b> opinion of Mayor Brandon Scott?	
	Very unfavorable (p)	23
	Unfavorable	30
	Favorable	29
	Very favorable (p)	8
	Don't know (v)	6
	Refused (v)	4
<b>Q: DIXON_FAV</b>	Do you have a <b>[favorable or unfavorable]</b> opinion of former Mayor Sheila Dixon?	
	Very unfavorable (p)	22
	Unfavorable	23
	Favorable	27
	Very favorable (p)	20
	Don't know (v)	6
	Refused (v)	2
<b>Q: MAYOR_RACE</b>	OK, if the Democratic primary election for Baltimore City mayor was held today, would you vote for <b>[Brandon Scott, Sheila Dixon]</b> or some other candidate?	
	Brandon Scott	27
	Sheila Dixon	39
	Some other candidate	23
	Don't know / Unsure (v)	8
	Refused (v)	3
<b>Q: MAYOR_OTHER</b>	OK, but what if the race was just between <b>[Brandon Scott and Sheila Dixon]</b> . Which candidate currently has the best chance of earning your vote?	
	Brandon Scott	36
	Sheila Dixon	33
	Neither / Wouldn't vote (v)	21
	Don't know / Unsure (v)	7
	Refused (v)	3

<b>Q: CONFIDENCE</b>	Next, I'm going to read you a list of broad issues that a mayor would have to address. Regardless of who you might ultimately vote for, please tell me whether you think [ <b>Brandon Scott or Sheila Dixon</b> ] is best able to handle it:	
<b>Q: MANAGE</b>	<b><i>Managing and staffing city agencies</i></b>	
	Brandon Scott	33
	Sheila Dixon	50
	Don't know / Unsure (v)	14
	Refused (v)	3
<b>Q: DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b><i>Working with private industry to promote and improve economic development</i></b>	
	Brandon Scott	36
	Sheila Dixon	47
	Don't know / Unsure (v)	15
	Refused (v)	3
<b>Q: REDUCE</b>	<b><i>Reducing crime and improving overall public safety</i></b>	
	Brandon Scott	31
	Sheila Dixon	50
	Don't know / Unsure (v)	16
	Refused (v)	3
<b>Q: IMP_EDU</b>	<b><i>Improving public education</i></b>	
	Brandon Scott	33
	Sheila Dixon	46
	Don't know / Unsure (v)	18
	Refused (v)	2
<b>Q: RESIDENTS</b>	<b><i>Attracting and retaining Baltimore City residents</i></b>	
	Brandon Scott	34
	Sheila Dixon	44
	Don't know / Unsure (v)	19
	Refused (v)	2
<b>Q: PRES_RACE</b>	Next, if the Democratic primary election for Baltimore City Council president was held today, would you vote for [ <b>Nick Mosby, Zeke Cohen</b> ] or some other candidate?	
	Nick Mosby	17
	Zeke Cohen	30
	Some other candidate	34
	Don't know / Unsure (v)	18
	Refused (v)	1