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### Incumbent parties safe in 3 by-elections

#### Conservatives with comfortable lead in Durham, Calgary Centre; NDP to take Victoria

Toronto, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - In a random sampling of public opinion taken by the Forum Poll™ among adult Canadians resident in the three federal ridings where by-elections will occur on November 26, the two incumbent parties will retain their respective seats.

Conservative Erin O'Toole posts 46% to the NDP's Larry O'Connor's 24% in Durham, where the Liberal, Grant Humes, is in third with 20%. The Green candidate, Edward Yaghledjian has 6%. Voters aged 45-54 were significantly more likely to back Erin O'Toole by a large margin (63%).

In Calgary Centre, Conservative media firebrand Joan Crockatt has 48% to Liberal Harvey Locke's 28%, with the Greens' Chris Turner in third place with 11%. The NDP candidate, Dan Meades, polls at under one tenth of the vote (8%). Crockatt had significantly more sway among older voters (58% 65+) while Chris Turner had a stronger base among those aged 18-34 (24%).

In Victoria, NDP candidate Murray Rankin has a comfortable lead of 47% over his closest challenger, the Green Party's Donald Galloway, with 20% of the vote. The Conservative, Dale Gann, and the Liberal, Paul Summerville, each have 16% of the vote. Gann's support was concentrated among older voters (29% 65+), while Galloway saw significantly stronger support among the younger voter base (39% 18-34).

"These by-elections were eagerly anticipated before they were called, but it appears that now the dust is settling, nothing will change." said Dr. Lorne Bozinoff, President.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Conservative Erin O'Toole posts 46% to the NDP's Larry O'Connor's 24% in Durham, where the Liberal, Grant Humes, is in third with 20%. The Green candidate, Edward Yaghledjian has 6%.
- In Calgary Centre, Conservative media firebrand Joan Crockatt has 48% to Liberal Harvey Locke's 28%, with the Greens' Chris Turner in third place with 11%. The NDP candidate, Dan Meades, polls at under one tenth of the vote (8%).
- In Victoria, NDP candidate Murray Rankin has a comfortable lead of 47% over his closest challenger, the Green Party's Donald Galloway, with 20% of the vote. The Conservative, Dale Gann, and the Liberal, Paul Summerville, each have 16% of the vote.
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**Methodology**

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on three interactive voice response telephone surveys of 422 randomly selected residents in the Durham riding aged 18 or older, 373 randomly selected residents in the Calgary Centre riding aged 18 or older, and 316 randomly selected residents in the Victoria riding aged 18 or older. The poll was conducted on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 5%, 5%, 6% respectively for Durham, Calgary Centre, and Victoria, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at [www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp](http://www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp).

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities.

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### November 26th Victoria By-Election Voting Preference

'In the federal by-election called for Victoria riding on November 26, who will you vote for?'

[Decided/Leaning]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	295	30	30	47	82	106	134	161
Conservative Dale Gann	16	11	3	17	18	29	20	13
Liberal Paul Summerville	16	11	20	15	18	17	16	15
NDP Murray Rankin	47	39	48	55	45	47	47	47
Green Donald Galloway	20	39	28	13	17	5	15	24
Other Parties	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	1

#### Household Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	295	40	60	54	38	21	45
Conservative Dale Gann	16	10	18	18	8	18	17
Liberal Paul Summerville	16	13	19	16	10	16	19
NDP Murray Rankin	47	58	47	52	36	49	45
Green Donald Galloway	20	19	17	13	44	12	18
Other Parties	1	0	0	1	1	5	1

#### Past Federal Election Party Vote

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green
Sample	295	69	48	133	27
Conservative Dale Gann	16	54	23	2	6
Liberal Paul Summerville	16	20	51	6	4
NDP Murray Rankin	47	23	19	70	29
Green Donald Galloway	20	1	7	21	60
Other Parties	1	1	1	1	1

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## November 26th Durham By-Election Voting Preference

'In the federal by-election called for Durham riding on November 26, who will you vote for?'

[Decided/Leaning]

### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	379	41	47	70	102	119	161	218
Conservative Erin O'Toole	46	31	36	63	43	50	44	47
Liberal Grant Humes	20	15	20	14	27	26	20	21
NDP Larry O'Connor	24	34	31	21	23	17	26	22
Green Edward Yaghledjian	6	8	12	2	5	3	4	7
Other Parties	4	12	1	0	3	4	6	3

### Household Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	379	39	48	45	42	42	81
Conservative Erin O'Toole	46	33	45	33	48	50	48
Liberal Grant Humes	20	29	14	19	21	15	20
NDP Larry O'Connor	24	19	35	37	22	26	20
Green Edward Yaghledjian	6	3	4	9	5	4	9
Other Parties	4	16	2	2	3	5	3

### Past Provincial Election Party Vote

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green
Sample	379	177	96	57	27
Conservative Erin O'Toole	46	77	7	15	20
Liberal Grant Humes	20	6	62	12	12
NDP Larry O'Connor	24	11	26	71	19
Green Edward Yaghledjian	6	3	4	2	43
Other Parties	4	4	1	0	7

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### November 26th Calgary Centre By-Election Voting Preference

'In the federal by-election called for Calgary Centre riding on November 26, who will you vote for?'

[Decided/Leaning]

#### Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	343	37	49	53	74	130	172	171
Conservative Joan Crockatt	48	48	40	46	48	58	47	49
Liberal Harvey Locke	28	15	42	28	32	28	31	26
NDP Dan Meades	8	8	6	13	6	3	9	6
Green Chris Turner	11	24	6	9	10	5	8	14
Other Parties	5	5	5	5	4	6	5	5

#### Household Income

%	Total	<20K	20-40K	40-60K	60-80K	80-100K	100K+
Sample	343	27	42	34	34	33	96
Conservative Joan Crockatt	48	27	63	42	52	40	52
Liberal Harvey Locke	28	12	18	34	17	42	33
NDP Dan Meades	8	10	5	2	18	5	7
Green Chris Turner	11	44	12	16	1	10	6
Other Parties	5	8	3	5	11	4	2

#### Past Provincial Election Party Vote

%	Total	Cons	Lib	NDP	Green
Sample	343	192	69	30	26
Conservative Joan Crockatt	48	75	14	2	27
Liberal Harvey Locke	28	16	72	16	32
NDP Dan Meades	8	2	5	52	0
Green Chris Turner	11	4	4	23	38
Other Parties	5	3	5	7	4

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