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New Survey Shows DC Residents Deeply Concerned About Crime, Support Mayor's Veto of Revised Criminal Code Act (RCCA)

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Washington, DC – A new survey of DC voters by an independent research firm shows DC residents are concerned about crime in the city and support the Mayor vetoing the recently passed Revised Criminal Code Act.

In reviewing the results, DC Police Union Chairman Gregg Pemberton said, *"This survey shows what our officers hear on a daily basis from members of the public, DC residents are deeply concerned about crime and the inaction from our elected leaders."* Pemberton went on to say, *"While crime and violence in our neighborhoods has reached record levels, the DC council voted to reduce penalties for violent crime instead of taking measures to improve police staffing."*

"No matter what Ward or neighborhood you live in, you shouldn't be afraid to walk to school, ride the metro to work, or drive to the grocery store. The citizens have spoken in this poll, DC Council needs to make public safety the number one priority. Too many residents have become victims of crimes and too many of our young people are needlessly dying every year."

Key findings from the survey are as follows:

- Residents cited public safety and crime as their number one concern. 53% say it should be the top priority for the D.C. Council and the Mayor.
- 79% of voters surveyed said that violent crime is an extremely or very serious problem here in DC.
- 90% say they want more or the same number of police officers
- Only 6% say they want fewer police.
- Only 32% say the Revised Criminal Code Act (RCCA) will be good for DC.
- 58% support the Mayor's veto of the Revised Criminal Code Act (RCCA).
- Residents are overwhelmingly concerned about the reduction of sentences for violent crimes.

The DC Police Union commissioned the survey of 600 likely DC voters that was conducted between January 31, 2023, and February 6, 2023. The study was conducted by telephone using live interviewers. Voters were randomly selected from the latest updated list of registered voters in Washington, D.C. The survey was written and administered by an independent research firm based in New York City.

Survey results are available here: https://dcpoliceunion.com/uploads/Feb_2023_DC_voter_survey.pdf

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