

# Race for Phoenix Mayor Wide Open

## *Valenzuela Has Slight Lead, But Most Voters Undecided or Looking for Another Candidate*

PHOENIX, AZ – *Arizona Battleground Poll* today released survey results showing a special election to fill outgoing Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton to be wide open. Mayor Stanton announced last week that he is resigning from his office to run for Congress in CD9. While the field of candidates for mayor has not yet been finalized, this survey tested voter preference of four incumbent councilmembers who have either announced they are running or are rumored to likely run for mayor in the special election.

*Arizona Battleground Poll* is a project of Summit Consulting Group, Inc. and for this project, partnered with First Strategic Public Affairs. (It's important to note that neither Summit nor First Strategic is involved in the Phoenix Mayor's race. This survey was conducted merely to address public interest.)

The automated survey of 517 likely City of Phoenix voters took place on October 9, 2017 and included announced candidates Daniel Valenzuela and Kate Gallego and rumored-to-run candidates Michael Nowakowski and Laura Pastor. Voters were also given the option of choosing "None of the Above."

The survey included voters of all parties which included 38% Republican; 41% Democrat; and 21% Independent or Party Not Determined. 51% of respondents were female; 49% male. The margin of error for this survey is +/-5.3%.

Voters were asked the following question:

**As you may know, current Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton recently announced he was resigning from office to run for Congress. The city of Phoenix will soon schedule a special election to fill the office of Mayor. If the election for Mayor were held today and the candidates were Laura Pastor, Daniel Valenzuela, Kate Gallego and Michael Nowakowski who would you vote for?**

Laura Pastor	14.9%
Daniel Valenzuela	<b>17.6%</b>
Kate Gallego	8.9%
Michael Nowakowski	12.4%
None of the Above	22.1%
<u>Undecided</u>	<u>24.2%</u>
TOTAL	100.0%

The results broken out by political party were as follows:

	GOP		DEM		IND		TOTAL	
Pastor	22	11.00%	40	18.96%	15	14.15%	77	14.89%
Valenzuela	15	7.50%	52	24.64%	24	22.64%	91	17.60%
Gallego	7	3.50%	32	15.17%	7	6.60%	46	8.90%
Nowakowski	40	20.00%	14	6.64%	10	9.43%	64	12.38%
None of the Above	66	33.00%	23	10.90%	25	23.58%	114	22.05%
Undecided	50	25.00%	50	23.70%	25	23.58%	125	24.18%
TOTAL	200	100.00%	211	100.00%	106	100.00%	517	100.00%

Chad Willems with Summit Consulting Group stated, "While Councilman Valenzuela enjoys a slight lead, he is still within the margin of error. It's also telling that nearly half of Phoenix voters (46%) chose either 'None of the Above' or were undecided at this time."

Marcus Dell'Artino with First Strategic Public Affairs added, "It's clear from these early results that there is no favorite or front-runner in the race to succeed Greg Stanton as Mayor. I would imagine other interested candidates have seen similar poll results and are laying the groundwork for a run for the city's highest office. I think an outsider with business experience would have a fair shot at being elected and upsetting the status quo."