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New Poll Shows Congressman Jesús “Chuy” García Tied with Lori Lightfoot for Chicago Mayoral Race

Congressman García has not declared a run for mayor of Chicago, but poll suggests he is the frontrunner

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Nuestro PAC, one of the nation’s largest Latino advocacy organizations fighting for Latino representation at every level of government, commissioned [Ben Dixen & Amandi International](#) to learn voters’ opinions on the upcoming Chicago mayoral election. The poll was conducted between September 1 to 5 to 400 likely voters with a $\pm 4.9\%$ margin of error.

The poll revealed extremely strong support for Congressman García, while also extending the unpopularity of the incumbent, Lori Lightfoot. The poll found a statistical tie in the head-to-head matchups with all the candidates: **20% García versus 21% Lightfoot** (24% undecided, without lean) and **24% García versus 25% Lightfoot** (7% undecided, with lean).

Crime and public safety are the de-facto top issues in this race. "In all my years of polling, I have never seen this in a poll. The issue of crime, guns, and public safety are the first, second, and third most important issues to Chicago voters by a huge margin," said **Fernand Armandi**, the **managing principal and pollster at Ben Dixen & Amandi International**. The results were as follows: **44% of likely voters saw crime/gun violence/the murder rate as their number one issue this February, with the second place choice as “other” at 7%, and jobs/economy at 6%.**

When asked if the city is headed in the right direction, the dissatisfaction of the Chicago electorate was evident in the following results: **55% wrong track, 33% right track, and 12% don’t know/no response.**

Lastly, this poll shows Congressman García to be one of the most popular politicians in the city with an overwhelming approval number at **56% combined favorability and 20% combined unfavorability**, compared to incumbent Mayor Lori Lightfoot at **47% combined favorability and 47% combined unfavorability**.

“Congressman Chuy García has not officially announced a run for Chicago mayor, but our poll of Chicago voters show is in the best position to defeat incumbent mayor Lori Lightfoot. If Congressman García was to enter the Chicago mayor race, he would be an instant frontrunner and likely to serve as one of the only Latino mayors of a major American city.” - **Nuestro PAC Senior Advisor Chuck Rocha**.

Congressman Jesús "Chuy" García has not entered the race for Chicago mayor, has not established a campaign committee, nor expended a single dollar towards this race, and is still polling at this level. View the full poll results and memo at: <https://www.nuestropac.com/polls-and-research>.

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