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INDEPENDENCE PARTY MAYORAL OPTION RESONATES WITH 40% OF DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTERS, SURVEY SAYS

New York, NY—A community exit survey of 2,039 primary day voters conducted by the Independence Party of New York City at poll sites throughout the five boroughs showed 30.8% of respondents said if their candidate did not win their party’s nomination, they wanted to see who all the candidates were in the November election before deciding and would consider all options—including voting for an independent.

When asked if they would consider voting for Adolfo Carrion, the Mayoral candidate of the Independence Party, 39.9% said “yes.” The willing-to-consider-Carrion response varied across the city. In the Bronx it rose to 48.5% with Brooklyn at 28.2%, Manhattan 35.7%, Queens 32.2% and Staten Island 24.7%.

The poll was designed to probe the level of interest in considering an independent candidate in the November election, specifically Adolfo Carrion, who is running on the Independence Party line. In recent elections significant numbers of Democrats voted on the Independence Party line for Mike Bloomberg.

“The survey also aimed to educate voters about the Carrion option and help them resist pressure to go on ‘auto pilot’ and simply vote for their party nominee, no matter the outcome of the primary,” said Cathy Stewart, citywide coordinator of the Independence Party. “We found a tremendous level of openness among prime Democratic Party voters, to considering an independent option in November. That tells us many Democrats are still looking for a candidate in this election who represents nonpartisan governance and a new kind of progressivism.”

The survey of 2039 voters was conducted at 28 poll sites throughout the five boroughs with a concentration in the Bronx and Manhattan. Of those respondents who answered a question on ethnicity, 44.5% identified as African American/Black; 31.3% identified as Latino/Hispanic and 19.4% identified as white. Over 95% had voted in the Democratic primary and over 61% were women.