

# Stockton poll: Voters back minimum wage increase

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Three-quarters of likely voters in the 2nd Legislative District support increasing the state's minimum wage, according to a poll released Thursday by the Stockton Polling Institute.

About 76 percent of those intending to vote in November's election said they support increasing the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.25 per hour, as well as annual cost of living increases for all workers. Meanwhile, about 20 percent opposed and 4 percent were undecided on the issue.

Pollsters took the opinions of 596 people via cell and land line phones from Sept. 7 to 9 in the district, which encompasses most of Atlantic County, including Atlantic City. They found that jobs is the top issue, followed by property taxes and taxes in general.

"For many of these voters in a tourism economy, increasing the minimum wage is a pocketbook

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