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BUDGET AGREEMENT SITS WELL WITH VOTERS

Phoenix, Arizona, May 26, 2005. The battle over the budget appears to have had a modest favorable impact on the Governor's job rating. Today, 58 percent in Maricopa County give her "excellent" or "good" job ratings and another 21 percent say she is doing a "fair" job. "Poor" job ratings total only 15 percent for the Governor. This compares to 54 percent favorable in April and 18 percent unfavorable.

When compared to the beginning of the year, the legislature's stature seems to have eroded slightly in this county as negative ratings rise to 18 percent from 14 and positive ratings declined to 28 from 35 percent.

The findings outlined in this report are based on a survey of 600 heads of household throughout Maricopa County conducted between May 19 and May 23, 2005, by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona as part of the Center's independent and non-partisan Rocky Mountain Poll series. The public is welcome to visit www.brcpolls.com to read this and other recent polls.

Eight of ten voters in Maricopa County rate the budget passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor favorably, including roughly a third who characterize it as an "excellent" or "good" budget. Fewer than a fifth think it is a "poor" budget, including only 16 percent of Republicans.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This Rocky Mountain Poll Arizona (2005-II-07) is based on 600 telephone interviews conducted from May 19 through May 23, 2005, with adult heads of household throughout Maricopa County. In a sample of this size, one may say with 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 4.08 percent of what they would have been had the entire adult population been surveyed. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program.

This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

BELOW: Statistical data

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STATISTICAL DATA

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“Now, I'd like to read you the names of some public officials. As I read each one, please just tell me if you think the job they are doing in office is excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor.”

MARICOPA COUNTY

		Excellent/ Good	Fair	Poor/Very Poor	(Net Pos To Neg)
<u>Governor Janet Napolitano</u>					
May	2005	58%	21%	15%	(+ 43)
April	2005	54	21	18	(+ 36)
January	2005	58	22	14	(+ 44)
<u>Arizona State Legislature</u>					
May	2005	28	33	18	(+ 10)
April	2005	28	35	16	(+ 12)
January	2005	35	34	14	(+ 21)

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*“After a long legislative session, the Arizona State Legislature and the Governor recently reached agreement on the state budget. From what you have read, heard or seen, would you say the budget agreement is excellent, good, fair, poor or very poor for the future of Arizona?”*

MARICOPA COUNTY  
(Among Those With An Opinion)

|              | Excellent/<br>Good | Fair | Poor/<br>Very Poor | (% With An<br>Opinion) |
|--------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|------------------------|
| ALL VOTERS   | 33%                | 47%  | 20%                | (78%)                  |
| Republicans  | 34                 | 50   | 16                 | (77)                   |
| Independents | 38                 | 46   | 16                 | (75)                   |
| Democrats    | 33                 | 49   | 18                 | (86)                   |

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