

Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr.
Fall 2015 Survey Questions*

1. Do you believe that the New York State Property Tax Cap has been an effective means to save taxpayers money?

Yes: 58.41% No: 18.73% Don't Know: 20.32% No Opinion: 2.54%

2. A) Do you support Governors Cuomo's proposal for a \$15 minimum wage in New York State?

Yes: 51.33% No: 43.49% Don't Know: 3.92% No Opinion: 1.26%

B) If NO, would you support a lesser minimum wage increase?

Yes: 64.24% No: 26.67% Don't Know: 5.76% No Opinion: 3.33%

3. Is income equality a major issue in New York State?

Yes: 60.57% No: 25.12% Don't Know: 10.49% No Opinion: 3.82%

4. Do you support Common Core educational standards?

Yes: 25.51% No: 50.55% Don't Know: 14.96% No Opinion: 8.89%

5. Do you think that teacher evaluations should be linked to student performance on standardized test?

Yes: 32.66% No: 57.34% Don't Know: 7.03% No Opinion: 2.97%

6. Do you think there is too much standardized testing in schools?

Yes: 60.92% No: 20.89% Don't Know: 14.08% No Opinion: 4.11%

7. The Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund (CPF) is a 2% tax on all real estate transactions over \$250,000 that has been used exclusively for land acquisition. The program will be extended for the next 20 years and will generate \$1.5 billion in new revenue. Some have proposed that up to 20% of the revenues generated by this tax be used to address water quality issues. Knowing this, would you support using up the 20% of CPF revenues for water improvement and protection projects?

Yes: 73.4% No: 19.09% Don't Know: 6.26% No Opinion: 1.25%

8. Would you consider upgrading your septic system if your Town offered a rebate?

Yes: 56.87% No: 17.85% Don't Know: 18.01% No Opinion: 7.27%

9. Should New York State have an open, nonpartisan primary system for all State and Congressional elections where only the two highest voted candidates proceed to the runoff election, regardless of party affiliation?

Yes: 48.5% No: 30.39% Don't Know: 16.38% No Opinion: 4.72%

10. Do you support public financing of political campaigns and elections?

Yes: 46.94% No: 43.01% Don't Know: 7.69% No Opinion: 2.35%

11. Should the New York State Police barracks in Riverside remain open to the public at all times?

Yes: 50.39% No: 7.06% Don't Know: 28.73% No Opinion: 13.81%

12. Do you support the use of scoot train shuttle service as a means of reducing traffic congestion on East End roads?

Yes: 64.77% No: 7.58% Don't Know: 20.7% No Opinion: 6.95%

13. Would you support the implementation of traffic calming measures on local roads as a means of promoting driver, pedestrian and cyclist safety?

Yes: 61.76% No: 16.64% Don't Know: 18.56% No Opinion: 3.04%

14. Would you support the replacement of the current appointed LIPA Board with elected Trustees?

Yes: 62.3% No: 9.74% Don't Know: 22.68% No Opinion: 5.27%

15. Should the New York State Department of Public Service have more authority over utility rate increases than just making recommendations?

Yes: 71.34% No: 10.51 Don't Know: 15.13% No Opinion: 3.03%

16. Should State Comptroller and State Attorney General oversight over our utilities be restored?

Yes: 73.33% No: 9.84% Don't Know: 13.81% No Opinion: 3.02%

17. Is there a need for a Commercial Fishing Advocate in New York State to better represent the industry's interests and ensure that their economic needs are met?

Yes: 63.38% No: 12.21% Don't Know: 18.78% No Opinion: 5.63%

18. Should State and local governments do more to ensure that preserved farmland is actively farmed?

Yes: 75.94% No: 11.88% Don't Know: 7.97% No Opinion: 4.22%

19. A) Should fantasy sports services, such as FanDuel, be legal in New York State?

Yes: 18.84% No: 54.47% Don't Know: 16.01% No Opinion: 10.68%

B) If YES, should they be regulated by New York State?

Yes: 48.71% No: 23.28% Don't Know: 13.36% No Opinion: 14.66%

20. Should Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) be legal in New York State?

Yes: 23.51% No: 40.28% Don't Know: 23.2% No Opinion: 13.01%

**Please note: Not all percentages total 100% because some people chose not to answer all questions.*