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A new Public Policy Polling survey finds that Tampa voters strongly support increasing the power and independence of the Tampa Citizen Review Board, which investigates complaints of police misconduct. Over three-quarters (**76%**) of those surveyed agree that a single person should not have the ability to appoint most of the members of the Citizens Review Board. Just 13% of voters disagree with these statements. **74%** of voters say they agree that the Board should have subpoena power, while **68%** agree that it should have independent counsel so that board members do not have to rely on legal guidance from city employees. Furthermore, an overwhelming majority (**82%**) of voters agree that if the City Council and the Mayor cannot decide whether to give the Citizen Review Board subpoena power and independent counsel, then Tampa residents should have a chance to vote on the issue.

This widespread support for strengthening the Tampa Citizen Review Board's independence and ability to investigate extends across multiple demographics:

- There is surprisingly strong agreement (85%) among Independent voters that a single person should not appoint most of the members of the Citizen Review Board. Only 5% of Independent voters disagree with this statement. Meanwhile, 78% of Democrats and 64% of Republicans also agree.
- 85% of women agree that residents should vote on the issue of giving the Board subpoena power and independent counsel, while 80% of men agree.
- White voters show the most support (83% agree, 10% disagree) for a single person not being able to appoint most of the Board, while there is particularly strong Hispanic support (84% agree, 8% disagree) for the Citizen Review Board having subpoena powers.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 590 Tampa voters from June 14-15, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. 39% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 61% by text message.

