BC Reid Express - October 2006

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- cu1. Thousands of BC municipal employees retired with a promise of health benefit coverage and support through their pension plan. Now they are facing dramatically increased costs and limits on benefit coverage. Retirees now pay more for medicine and other health and dental services and receive only half of the promised support for basic medical coverage. Do you think your local government should restore and protect health benefits for retired municipal workers or leave things as they are?
- cu2. As you may or may not know, municipalities across BC are having a difficult time attracting new workers and retaining experienced Workers.

 It's estimated that 10 to 15 percent of the current workforce will retire within 4 years. Many positions are already vacant due to a lack of qualified or interested applicants. Would you support or oppose your local government offering significant wage increases as one measure to ensure that it can get the employees it needs to provide quality service to residents?

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increased costs and limits on benefit	
	LM Total
Base: All respondents	500
Weighted	457
Strongly feel benefits should be	219
restored	48%
Somewhat feel benefits should be	89
restored	19%
Somewhat feel things should be left as	67
they are	15%
Strongly feel things should be left as	53
they are	12%
(DK/NS)	30
	7%
Summary	
Top2Box - Strongly/ Somewhat feel	308
benefits should be restored	67%
Low2Box - Somewhat/ Strongly feel	120
things should be left as they are	26%

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15 percent of the current workforce will retire	
	LM Total
Base: All respondents	500
Weighted	457
Strongly support	152
	33%
Somewhat support	189
	41%
Somewhat oppose	47
	10%
Strongly oppose	55
	12%
(DK/NS)	15
	3%
Summary	
Top2Box - Strongly/ Somewhat	341
support	75%
Low2Box - Somewhat/ Strongly	102
oppose	22%