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**Winnipeg, MB** – Sam Katz enters the final week of the Winnipeg mayoral campaign with a substantial lead over challenger Judy Wasylycia-Leis and appears to be a heavy favourite to win a third consecutive term. A new Ipsos Reid / Global News poll finds that Katz has the support of 59% of decided voters – a 20 point lead over Wasylycia-Leis, who has the support of 39% of decided voters. Rav Gill (2%) and Brad Gross (1%) both have minimal support. These results are among decided voters and exclude the 22% of Winnipeg residents who are undecided or express no preference.

- Katz leads in all regions and across almost all demographic groups. Wasylycia-Leis is tied with Katz among residents who have completed a university education (both at 50%) and somewhat close among those over the age of 55 years (Katz 53% vs. Wasylycia-Leis 46%).

The good news for Wasylycia-Leis is that her voters are more committed to go the polls and vote on Election Day. Among those who say they are “absolutely certain” to vote, Katz’s lead drops to 9 points (54% Katz vs. 45% Wasylycia-Leis).

There is still an opportunity for some vote switching as two-in-ten (20%) decided voters describe their vote as “just a leaning vote” at this time. The potential for vote switching is roughly equal for both leading contenders, with 20% of Katz voters and 19% of Wasylycia-Leis voters saying their support is “just a leaning” at this time.

Voter turnout should be higher than the 38% recorded in the 2002 election, with 60% of residents indicating they are “absolutely certain” to vote on Election Day. As a reference point, the recent Calgary election had a 54% turnout after 58% told Ipsos Reid they were “absolutely certain” to vote.

*These are the findings of an Ipsos Reid telephone poll conducted between October 18 and 20, 2010. The poll is based on a randomly selected sample of 500 Winnipeg residents aged 18 or older. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within  $\pm 4.4$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult population of Winnipeg been polled. The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other sub-groupings of the survey population. These data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Winnipeg population aged 18 or older according to 2006 Census data.*

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