

POLL: Voters say raise age to 21 to buy tobacco

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Poll also shows voters want Arizona Coyotes to stay in Glendale

(Phoenix, AZ) — Only adults 21 and over should be able to buy tobacco products, according to a new poll of Maricopa County voters.



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Of the 584 respondents to a poll conducted Dec. 29 by MBQF Consulting and Marson Media, 72 percent said they support increasing the age to buy tobacco from 18 to 21. Just 28 percent oppose the move.

The poll also found Maricopa County voters prefer the Arizona Coyotes remain in Glendale, 55-45. And finally, Maricopa County approve of Indian tribes opening Las Vegas-style casinos off traditional reservation land by a margin of 45-39.

"It is clear among all political stripes that voters want to increase the legal age to buy tobacco to 21," said Barrett Marson, CEO of Marson Media. "As cities in Maricopa County consider these proposals, they can move forward knowing voters support the move."

Mike Noble Added, "What was interesting was that support to increase the legal age was basically the same between Republicans, Democrats and Independent voters."

Despite spotty attendance performance throughout its years in Glendale, voters don't support moving the Arizona Coyotes to a downtown Phoenix or East Valley location, the poll found. The team has said it will explore a move to a new arena downtown or could build an arena on the Salt River Pima Indian Community near Scottsdale.

"The Coyotes are locked in a battle with Glendale but voters actually prefer the team stays in the Gila River Arena," said Mike Noble, CEO of MBQF Consulting.

As for Indian gaming, county voters appear OK with tribes opening casinos off of traditional reservation land. The Tohono O'odham recently opened a casino near Glendale though it lacks table games like blackjack that are at other casinos.

"Voters don't mind Indian casinos in the metropolitan area even if they are operated by tribes far away," Marson said.

In the automated telephonic non-partisan survey of 584 high efficacy voters, conducted on December 29, the survey calculates a 4.06% *theoretical margin of error*, plus or minus in percentage points.

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