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Background and Methodology

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His career in the field of public opinion research began in the mid-1980s as an analyst with *Mason-Dixon Opinion Research*. During this time, Mr. Gonzales helped develop, craft and implement election surveys and exit polls for television and radio in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. metro area.

Mr. Gonzales has polled and analyzed well over a thousand elections in Maryland and across the country since that time. Furthermore, he and his associates have conducted numerous market research projects, crafting message development plans and generating strategy blueprints for businesses and organizations throughout the state.

Over his 35 years conducting public opinion polls, Patrick Gonzales has been widely recognized by his peers for his ability to conduct unbiased surveys, and analyze the results in an impartial, evenhanded manner.

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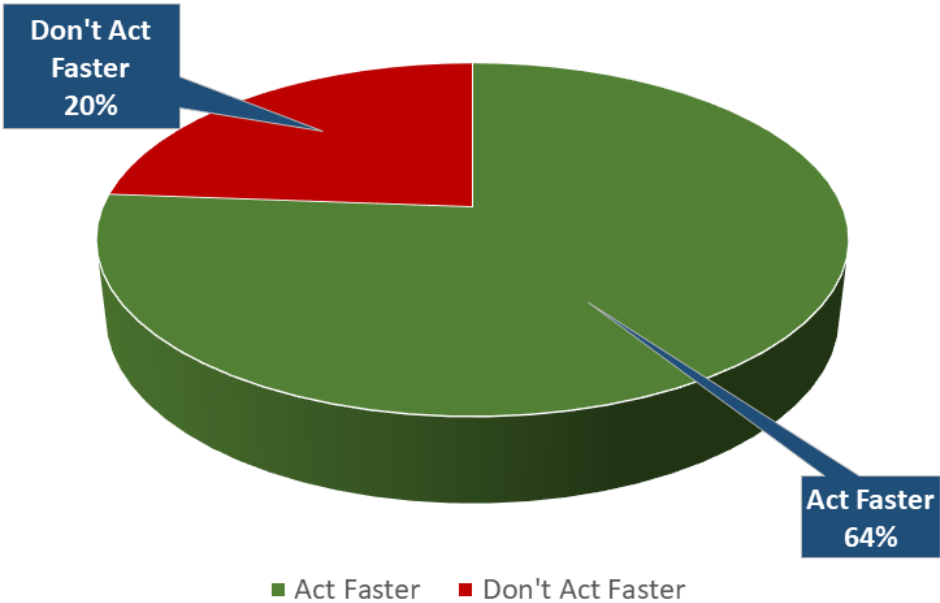
This poll was conducted by ***Gonzales Research & Media Services*** from May 19th through May 23rd, 2020. A total of 810 registered voters in Maryland, who indicated that they are likely to vote in the 2020 general election, were queried by live telephone interviews, utilizing both landline (34%) and cell phone (66%) numbers. A cross-section of interviews was conducted throughout the state, reflecting general election voting patterns.

The margin of error (MOE), per accepted statistical standards, is a range of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. If the entire population was surveyed, there is a 95% probability that the true numbers would fall within this range.

Gonzales Poll May 2020 Results

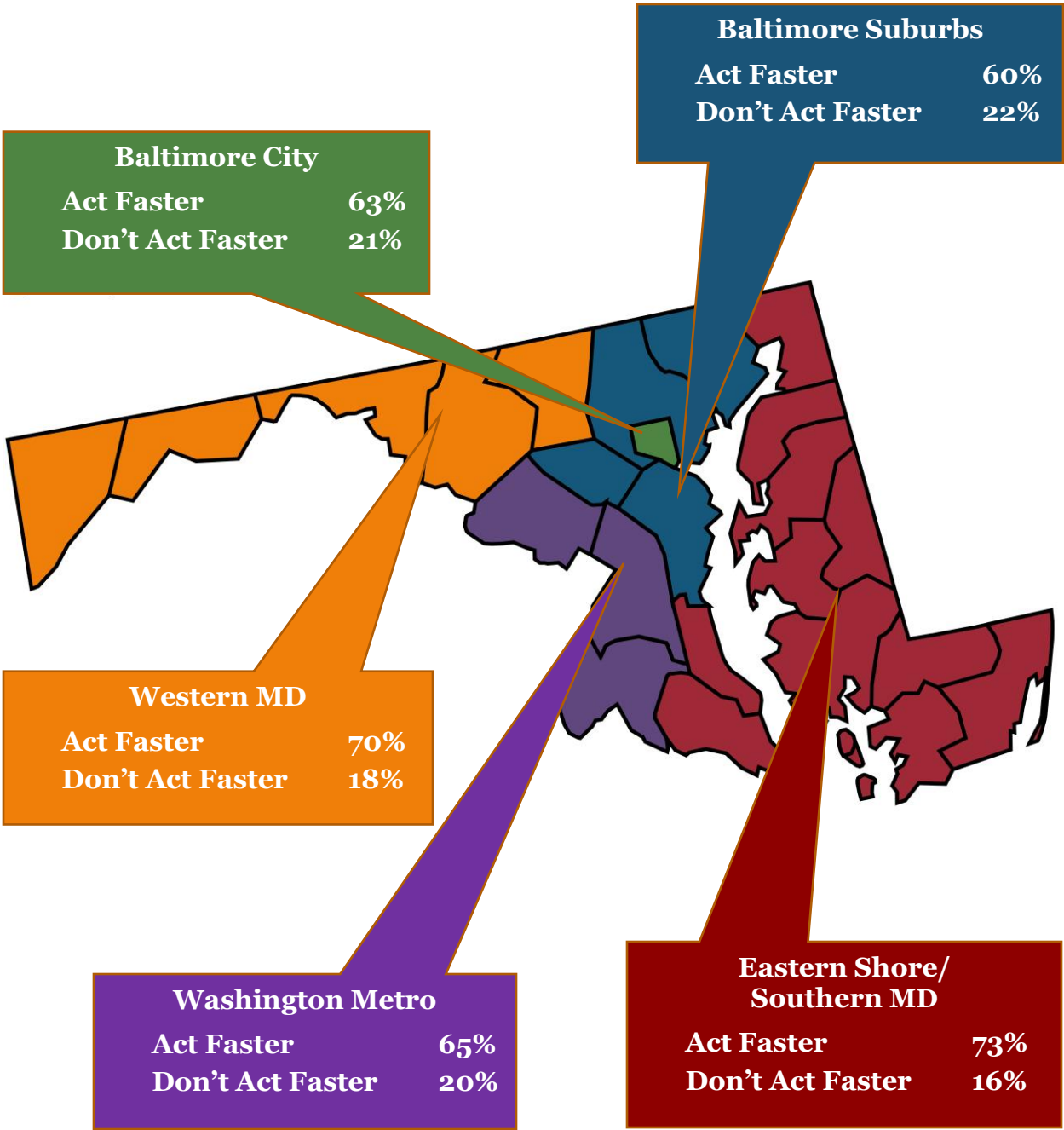
Among Maryland voters, 64% think the Maryland Public Service Commission should speed up the process and act faster dealing with solar energy and wind projects it’s considering (43% “much faster” and 21% “somewhat faster”), while 20% say it shouldn’t act faster, with 16% providing no response.

Public Service Commission - Energy Projects



Public Service Commission	<u>Act Faster</u>	<u>Don't Act Faster</u>
Democrat	65%	20%
Republican	63%	21%
Independent	66%	19%
Women	68%	17%
Men	60%	24%
African-American	60%	19%
White	68%	20%
Under 50	78%	8%
50 and older	54%	29%

Public Service Commission by Region



Appendix A: Data Tables

QUESTION: Maryland Public Service Commission *450,000 Marylanders have filed for unemployment benefits with the Covid-19 shutdown. Meanwhile, over 40 solar energy farms have been proposed for construction in Maryland but are tied up in bureaucratic delays. It now takes one and half years to get a solar farm approved. Similar delays could affect a proposed land-based wind farm and two offshore projects. The Maryland Public Service Commission, which regulates these projects, can by law speed up this process and create thousands of jobs.*

With the recession, do you think the Public Service Commission should act faster, or not?

<u>PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Act Faster	522	64.4 %
Don't Act Faster	163	20.1 %
<u>No answer</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>15.4 %</u>
Total	810	100.0 %

(IF ACT FASTER), Is that much or somewhat faster?

<u>PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Act Much Faster	349	43.1 %
Act Somewhat Faster	173	21.4 %
Don't Act Faster	163	20.1 %
<u>No answer</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>15.4 %</u>
Total	810	100.0 %

N=810

	<u>PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION</u>			
	<u>Act Much Faster</u>	<u>Act Somewhat Faster</u>	<u>Don't Act Faster</u>	<u>No answer</u>
<u>PARTY</u>				
Democrat	193 43.3%	95 21.3%	89 20.0%	69 15.5%
Republican	92 41.1%	49 21.9%	47 21.0%	36 16.1%
Unaffiliated	64 45.7%	29 20.7%	27 19.3%	20 14.3%

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	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION			
	Act Much Faster	Act Somewhat Faster	Don't Act Faster	No answer

RACE

African American	93 39.2%	50 21.1%	45 19.0%	49 20.7%
White	234 46.2%	111 21.9%	100 19.8%	61 12.1%
Other/Refused	22 32.8%	12 17.9%	18 26.9%	15 22.4%

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	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION			
	Act Much Faster	Act Somewhat Faster	Don't Act Faster	No answer

GENDER

Female	206 48.9%	81 19.2%	71 16.9%	63 15.0%
Male	143 36.8%	92 23.7%	92 23.7%	62 15.9%

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	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION			
	Act Much Faster	Act Somewhat Faster	Don't Act Faster	No answer

AGE

18 to 39	106 62.4%	32 18.8%	14 8.2%	18 10.6%
40 to 49	93 52.5%	40 22.6%	16 9.0%	28 15.8%
50 to 59	65 33.2%	36 18.4%	55 28.1%	40 20.4%
60 and older	85 31.8%	65 24.3%	78 29.2%	39 14.6%

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION			
	Act Much Faster	Act Somewhat Faster	Don't Act Faster	No answer
<u>REGION</u>				
Baltimore Metro	139 39.5%	75 21.3%	76 21.6%	62 17.6%
Washington Metro	123 44.2%	57 20.5%	56 20.1%	42 15.1%
Rural Maryland	87 48.3%	41 22.8%	31 17.2%	21 11.7%

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION			
	Act Much Faster	Act Somewhat Faster	Don't Act Faster	No answer
<u>COUNTY</u>				
Anne Arundel Co.	36 46.8%	17 22.1%	14 18.2%	10 13.0%
Baltimore County	38 32.8%	27 23.3%	25 21.6%	26 22.4%
Charles County	8 34.8%	4 17.4%	5 21.7%	6 26.1%
Harford County	16 43.2%	8 21.6%	8 21.6%	5 13.5%
Howard County	18 36.7%	8 16.3%	14 28.6%	9 18.4%
Montgomery County	64 46.7%	31 22.6%	26 19.0%	16 11.7%
Prince George's Co.	51 43.2%	22 18.6%	25 21.2%	20 16.9%
Baltimore City	31 42.5%	15 20.5%	15 20.5%	12 16.4%
Eastern Shore	46 52.3%	18 20.5%	14 15.9%	10 11.4%
Western Maryland	41 44.6%	23 25.0%	17 18.5%	11 12.0%

Appendix B: Maryland Poll Sample Demographics

<u>PARTY</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Democrat	446	55.1 %
Republican	224	27.7 %
Unaffiliated	140	17.3 %
Total	810	100.0 %

<u>RACE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
African American	237	29.3 %
White	506	62.5 %
Other/Refused	67	8.3 %
Total	810	100.0 %

<u>GENDER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Female	421	52.0 %
Male	389	48.0 %
Total	810	100.0 %

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
18 to 39	170	21.0 %
40 to 49	177	21.9 %
50 to 59	196	24.2 %
60 and older	267	33.0 %
Total	810	100.0 %

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 50	347	42.8 %
50 or older	463	57.2 %
Total	810	100.0 %

<u>REGION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Baltimore Metro	352	43.5 %
Washington Metro	278	34.3 %
Rural Maryland	180	22.2 %
Total	810	100.0 %

Regional Classifications

Baltimore Metro	Number	Percent
Baltimore City	73	20.7 %
Anne Arundel County	77	21.9 %
Baltimore County	116	33.0 %
Harford County	37	10.5 %
Howard County	49	13.9 %
Total	352	100.0 %

Washington Metro	Number	Percent
Montgomery County	137	49.3 %
Prince George's County	118	42.4 %
Charles County	23	8.3 %
Total	278	100.0 %

Rural Maryland	Number	Percent
Eastern Shore/Southern Maryland	88	48.9 %
Western Maryland	92	51.1 %
Total	180	100.0 %