

*Lowell Joint Elementary School District*

**Bond Survey Topline Results**  
**May 17-19, 2012**

# Demographics

Gender	
Male	50%
Female	50%
Age	
18-24	9%
25-34	12%
35-44	13%
45-54	20%
55 or over	45%
Party	
Republican	49%
Democrat	33%
Other/Unaffiliated	19%

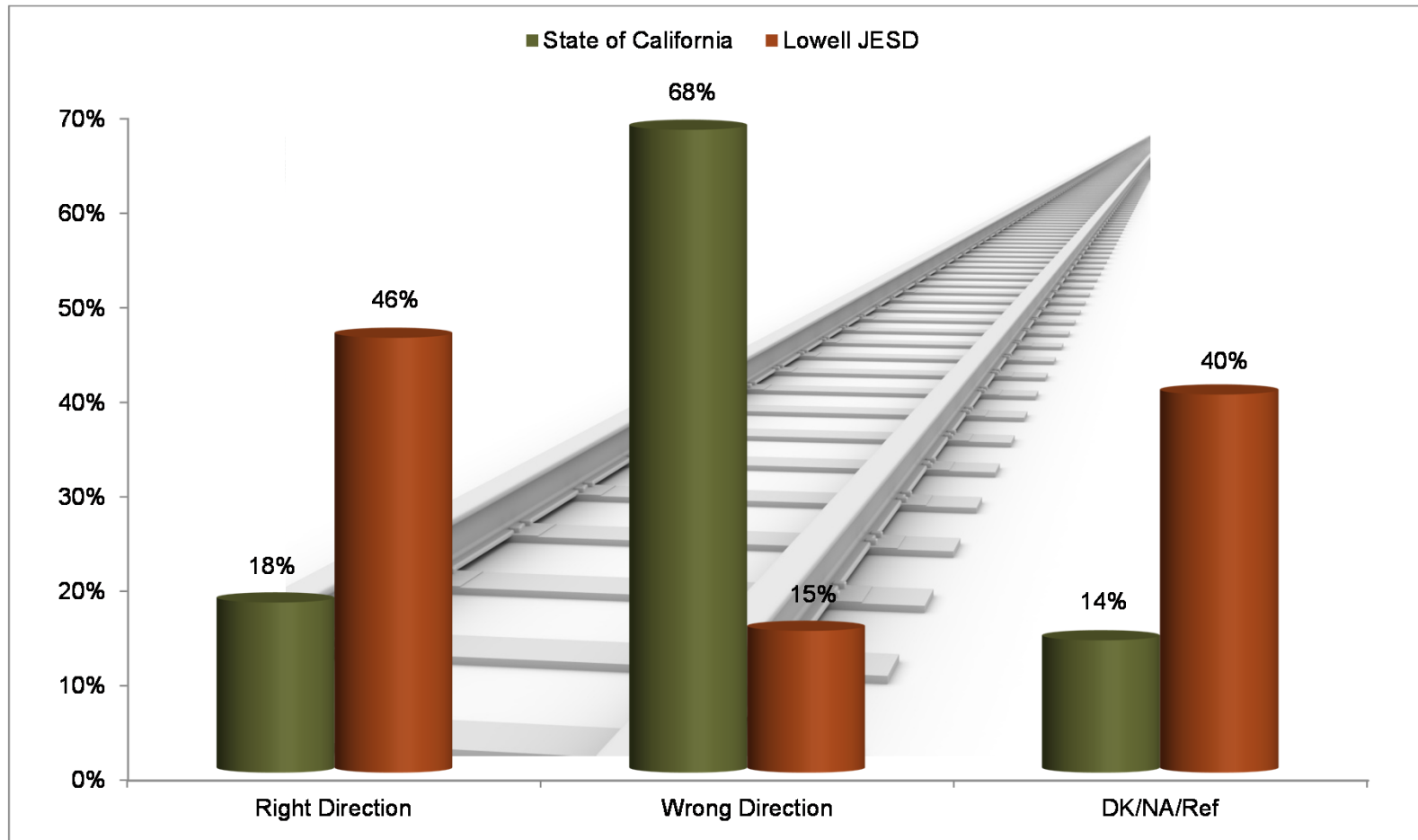
School-aged children under 19 years living at home	
One	17%
Two	13%
Three or more	8%
None	62%

Children in pre-school, elementary, middle or high school	
Pre-school	9%
Elementary School	54%
Middle School	25%
High School	45%

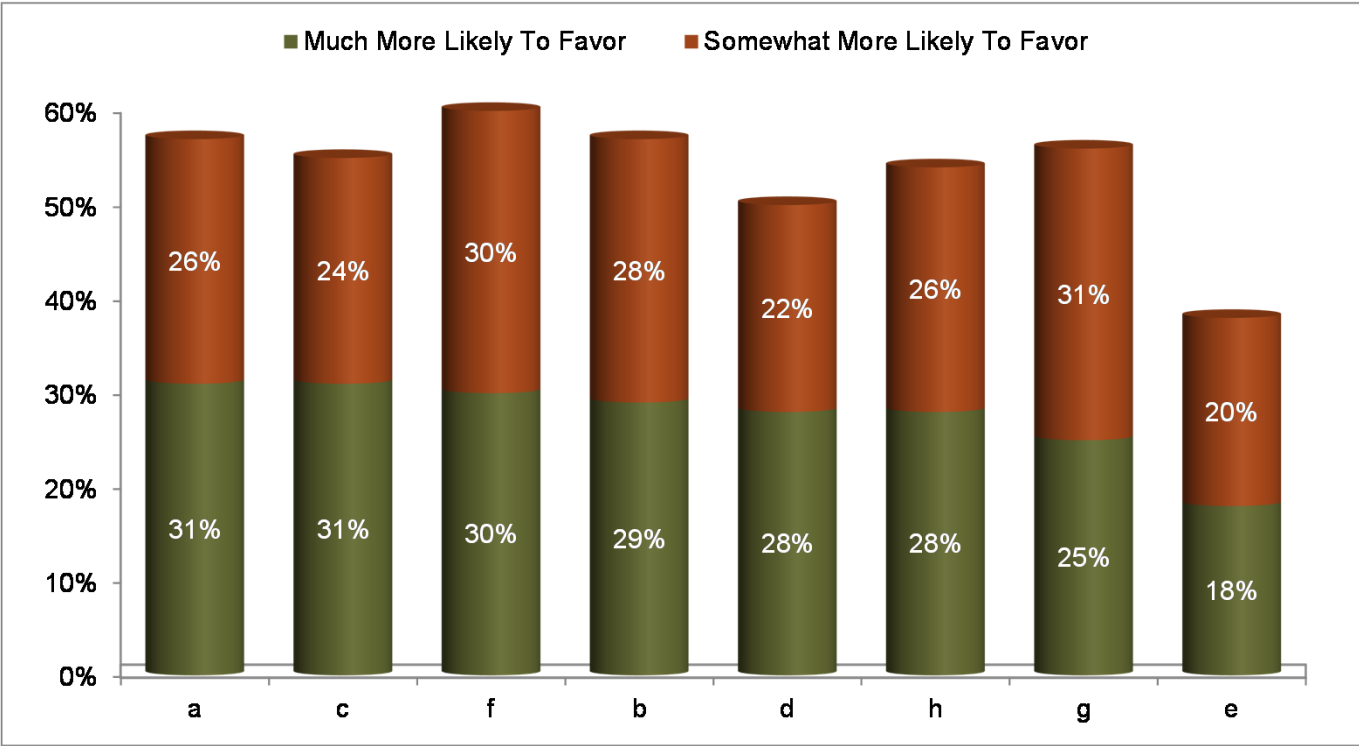
Children's school attendance	
Lowell Joint Elementary School District	66%
Another School District	31%
Parochial/Private School	14%

Home Ownership	
Own	83%
Rent	11%

# Going in the Right Direction

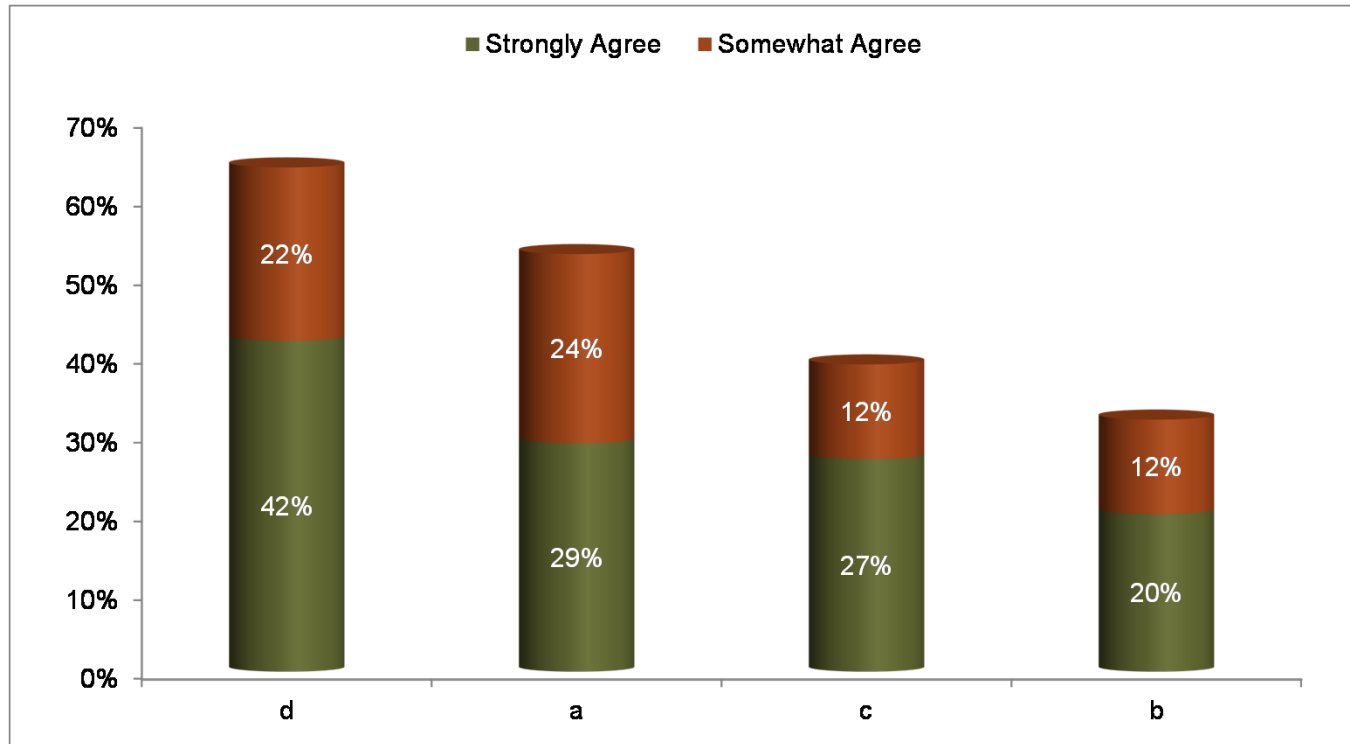


# Statements Regarding Projects



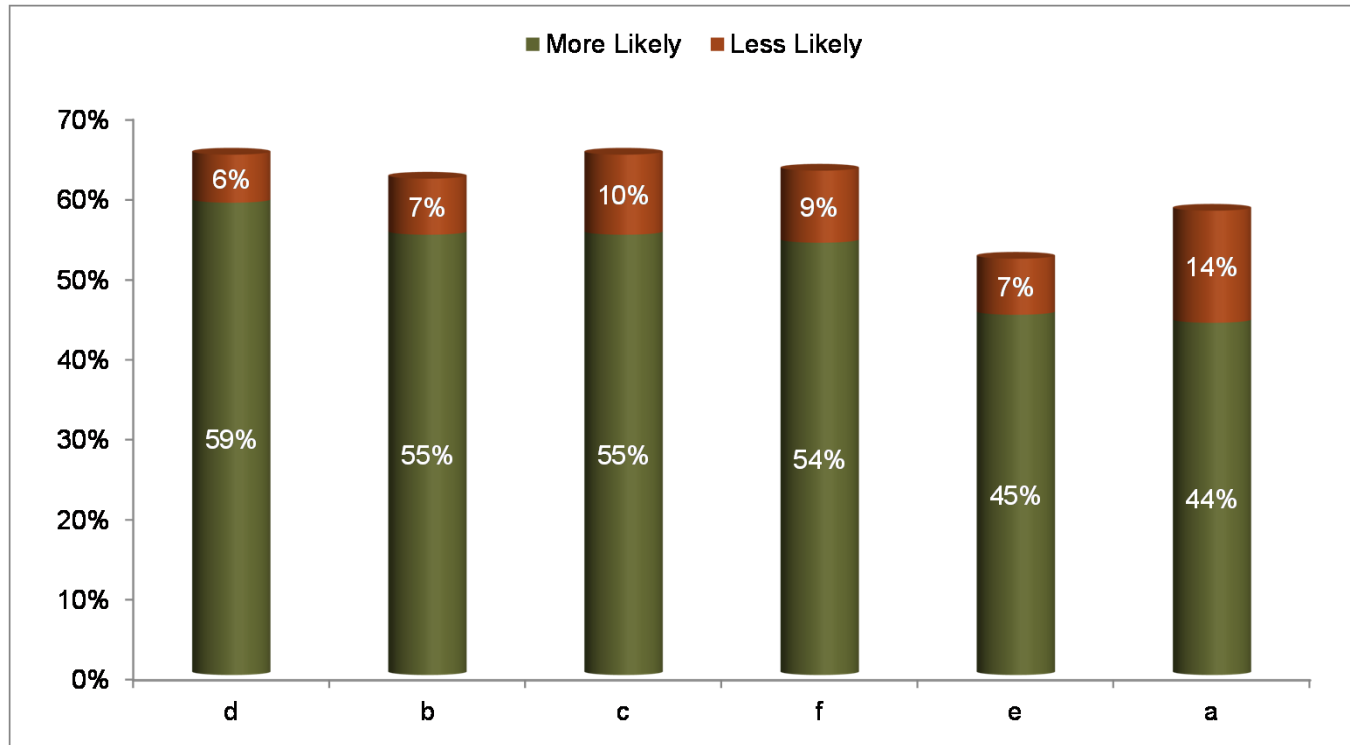
- a) There will be upgraded fire safety systems installed at all neighborhood schools to meet current building and safety standards
- b) Deteriorating plumbing and restrooms would be upgraded and repaired throughout the District to meet current state and federal standards
- c) Electrical wiring and power would be upgraded in all classrooms to keep up with current and future computer and technology needs
- d) Permanent classrooms would be built to replace deteriorating temporary classrooms
- e) Classroom intercom and telephone systems would be installed or renovated in all classrooms to increase student safety
- f) Structural earthquake safety improvements would be made to school buildings as necessary
- g) Aging ventilation and heating systems would be replaced to make buildings safer, healthier and more energy efficient
- h) Deteriorating school roofs and ceilings would be repaired and replaced as needed throughout the District

## Summary of Statements Against



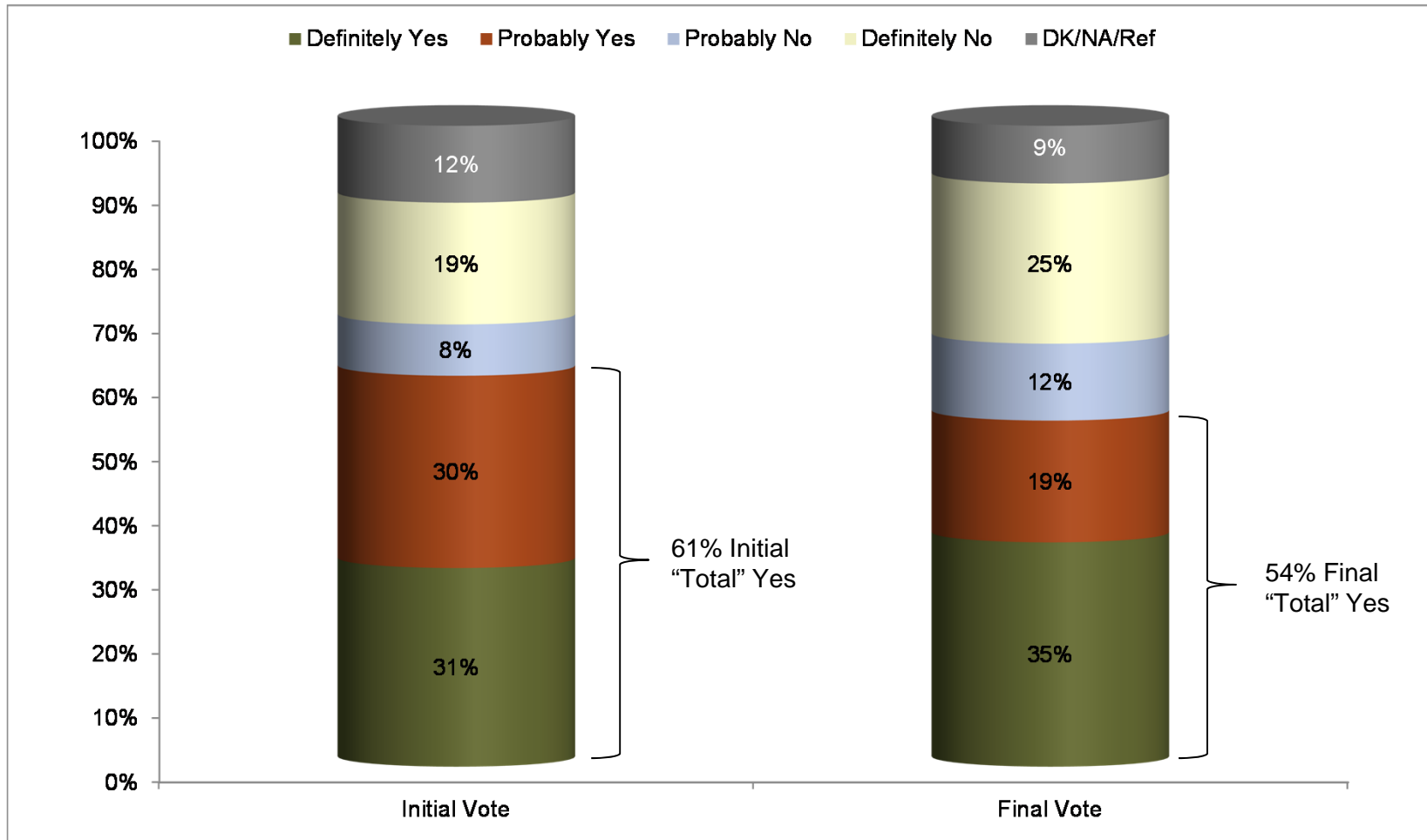
- a) Spending more money on school buildings will not improve students' education
- b) Lowell Joint schools are in disrepair because of poor fiscal management
- c) The School Board cannot be trusted to spend the bond funds as it promised
- d) The economy is too weak to ask voters to approve a bond to improve schools

## Summary of Statements in Support



- a) It is worth paying more in taxes to improve the schools, because we need a good school system to maintain homeowners' property values
- b) If the bond is passed, by law, a citizens oversight committee will review all expenditures from the bond in order to guarantee the money is spent as voters approved
- c) The District will receive over 17 million dollars in state grants to repair and construct local schools. If local voters DO NOT approve a bond Lowell Joint School District's 17 million dollars will be given to other California school districts that have passed a local school bond
- d) All 6 of our schools are over 45 years old and require major repairs and upgrades
- e) Every school in the District will receive repairs and upgrades if a local bond is passed
- f) The proposed repairs and upgrades will reduce water and energy bills, allowing the district to dedicate more funds to the classroom

# Initial and Final Votes



# Initial and Final Average Tax Tolerances

