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To: Interested Parties
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Re: Summary of Polling among Puerto Rican Voters in New York

A recent poll among New York’s Puerto Rican diaspora reveals a voting bloc that strongly supports making Puerto Rico a U.S. state and overwhelmingly backs a straightforward yes / no vote on statehood. Support on these statehood proposals spans gender, age, and partisan divides among New York’s Puerto Rican community. Below are key findings from this survey.

**New York Puerto Ricans are ready for Puerto Rican statehood.** Two-thirds of survey respondents support Puerto Rican statehood if offered by Congress (66% yes, support / 24% no / 9% don’t know). Statehood also has broad, bipartisan support: 65% of Democrats, 78% of Republicans, and 67% of Independent Puerto Rican voters back U.S. statehood for Puerto Rico.

**NY Puerto Ricans would vote for a pro-statehood candidate.** Overall, 70% say they are more likely to support a candidate who will work aggressively to achieve U.S. statehood for Puerto Rico (70% more likely / 15% less likely / 8% makes no difference / 5% don’t know).

**Puerto Ricans in New York say it is time for a yes/no statehood vote on the Island – and they would respect the outcome of that election.** More than three-quarters of NY Puerto Ricans would support a yes or no vote on statehood in 2020.

And in a follow-up question, 75% of Puerto Ricans say that if the Island votes to pass statehood in a yes / no vote, they would support the outcome of that election.

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ALG Research conducted a telephone survey of N=500 likely November 2020 Puerto Rican voters statewide in New York, as well as an oversample of N=50 Puerto Rican voters in the 7th Congressional District. This bilingual survey was conducted between May 2-6, 2019 by professional interviewers over both landline and cell phones. The survey has an overall margin of error of +/- 4.4% at the 95% level of confidence.