

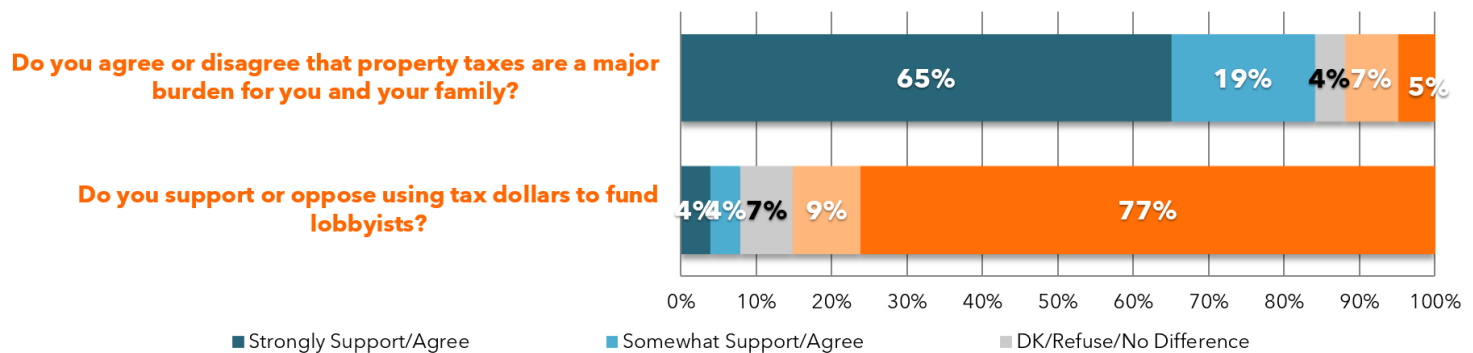
TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: ALEX MUIR
SUBJECT: TEXAS STATEWIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ISSUES
DATE: JUNE 23, 2026

A June 5-9, 2026, study of 800 Texas registered voters conducted by Pulse Decision Science on behalf of the Texas Public Policy Foundation found that Texans broadly support efforts to rein in local government spending, debt, and property tax growth.

Texas voters overwhelmingly say property taxes are a major burden for them and their family, and strongly oppose using taxpayer dollars to fund lobbyists. Voters indicated support for giving citizens the ability to force local governments to lower taxes, limiting annual property tax revenue growth to two percent or less unless voters approve a higher amount, requiring school districts to adopt balanced budgets, establishing debt limits for local governments, and requiring regular efficiency audits for local government.

Texans Are Concerned About Property Taxes and Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying

Texas voters' concerns begin with the burden of property taxes and how local tax dollars are being used. A strong majority agree that property taxes are a major burden for them and their family, while an equally large majority oppose using tax dollars to fund lobbyists.

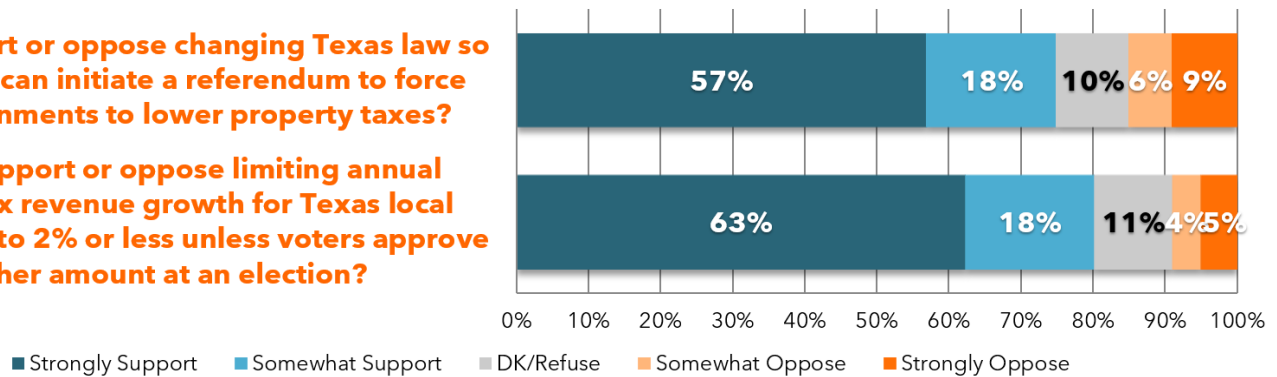


Texans Support Limits on Local Tax Growth

In response to these concerns, Texas voters show clear majority support for policies that would give citizens more control over local tax decisions. Three-fourths support changing Texas law to allow citizens to initiate referendums that force local governments to lower taxes, while 80% support limiting annual property tax revenue growth to two percent or less unless voters approve a higher amount at an election.

Do you support or oppose changing Texas law so that citizens can initiate a referendum to force local governments to lower property taxes?

Do you support or oppose limiting annual property tax revenue growth for Texas local governments to 2% or less unless voters approve a higher amount at an election?



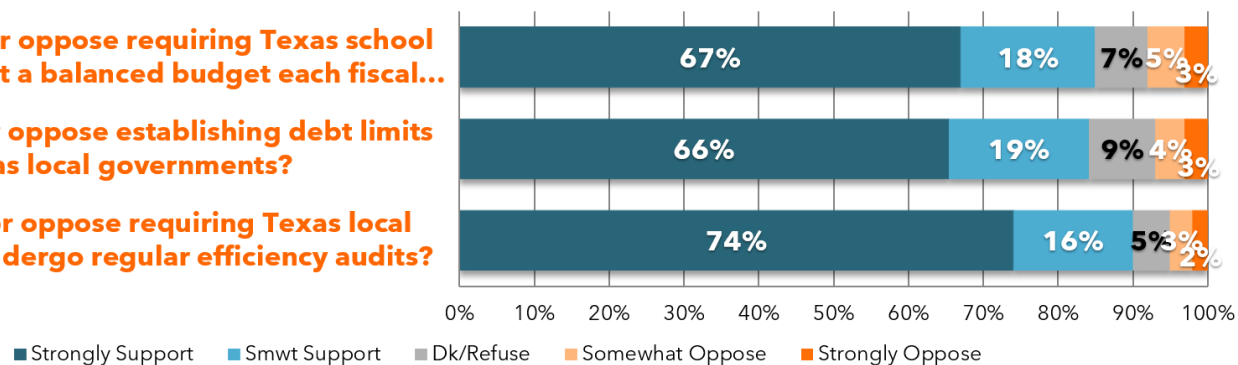
Texans Support Stronger Local Government Accountability

Texas voters also support broader accountability requirements for local government finances. Strong majorities support requiring school districts to adopt balanced budgets, establishing debt limits for local governments, and requiring local governments to undergo regular efficiency audits.

Do you support or oppose requiring Texas school districts to adopt a balanced budget each fiscal...

Do you support or oppose establishing debt limits for Texas local governments?

Do you support or oppose requiring Texas local governments to undergo regular efficiency audits?



Methodology

Pulse Decision Science conducted a study of registered voters in Texas.

PDS selected a random sample of registered voters from the Texas voter file using Registration Based Sampling (RBS). The sample for this survey was stratified based on age, gender, party, ethnicity, region, and cell phone percentage. This methodology allows us to reduce the amount of post-survey "weighting" needed of the November electorate.

Respondents were contacted by phone via live telephone operator interviews from June 5-9, 2026. The study has a sample size of n=800 registered voters with a margin of error of $\pm 3.5\%$ in 95 out of 100 cases.

About Pulse Decision Science

Pulse Decision Science is a leading provider of survey research, predictive analytics, and application-based data management technology.

Nationally, Pulse Decision Science has been the data team behind the RNC voter scores program, the Club for Growth, and a major part of the CLF data operation, as well as the 2016 Cruz for President effort. We've provided polling and data for numerous Governors and Senators, including Glenn Youngkin, Kristi Noem, Doug Burgum, Pete Ricketts, Kevin Cramer, Greg Abbott, John Boozman Kevin Stitt, Mike Lee, Jim Pillen, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Ted Cruz, and Jeff Landry. We also have a large practice in corporate and public affairs work, from providing data strategy for the Las Vegas Raiders relocation to serving as the top Republican polling firm in the education space.

Pulse Decision Science has been nationally recognized for providing cutting-edge intelligence to help our clients win. The American Association of Political Consultants (AAPC) and Campaigns & Elections Magazine have awarded PDS with 44 industry awards since 2019 alone.

Among our Pollies are eight Best Use of Analytics and a Best in Show Pollie.

We have also been honored with Pollie and Reed Awards for the Best Use of Data Analytics/Machine Learning, Innovation In Survey Research, Best Use of Social Science, Best Fundraising Technology, Best Use of Peer-To-Peer Texting, Best Use of Targeting for Mail, Best Use of New Digital Technology, Best Fundraising Technology, Best Use of Data Analytics/Machine Learning in Field, Best New Research Technique, Best Application of AI Technology to Optimize Targeting, and Best Data Analytics Solution.

The cornerstone of Pulse Decision Science is our personnel. Our methodological approaches are dictated by advanced statistical guidelines as determined by our PhD-led team of researchers and data scientists. Our team has consistently been recognized as some of the best in the industry. Matt Knee, Chief Data Officer, Trevor K. Smith, Ph.D., Chief Research Officer, and Conor Maguire, Principal and Managing Director, each have been recognized amongst the American Association of Political Consultants (AAPC)'s prestigious 40 Under 40 list.

