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California: Fiorina and Boxer Still in Tight Fight; Whitman Narrowly Atop Brown; Some Traction for Those Opposed to Legal Weed: Incumbent Democrat Barbara Boxer remains locked in a tight fight with Republican challenger Carly Fiorina, according to this latest SurveyUSA poll conducted exclusively for KABC-TV Los Angeles, KPIX-TV San Francisco, KGTV-TV San Diego, and KFSN-TV Fresno. 3 identical SurveyUSA tracking polls have shown the contest within the theoretical margin of sampling error, though, in all 3 cases, the Republican has been nominally ahead, confounding many observers and, for now, preserving the possibility of a take-away. Today, it's Fiorina 48%, Boxer 46%. There is movement, or perhaps statistical noise, among Hispanic voters. In the contest for **Governor** of California, it's Republican Meg Whitman 47%, Democrat Jerry Brown 40% today. Compared to an identical SurveyUSA poll 3 weeks ago, Whitman is up 3, Brown is down 3. But, compared to a SurveyUSA poll 7 weeks ago: no change. Among men, the race has been flat since polling began in July, with Whitman at 50% in each poll, and Brown at 35% to 37%. Among women, more volatility, with Brown 13 points atop Whitman 3 weeks ago, but tied with the former eBay CEO both 7 weeks ago and today. Opposition to **Proposition 19** , which would legalize marijuana and allow for its regulation and taxation, has grown. Two previous SurveyUSA polls both showed the measure passing by 10 points; today: 47% vote Yes to legalize, 43% vote No. Women, older voters, minorities, and Central Valley voters have all moved toward "No." Support remains above 50% among men, younger voters, whites, Democrats, liberals and moderates, and in the Bay Area. San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, remains nominally ahead in the contest for **Lieutenant Governor,** where incumbent Republican Republican Abel Maldonado may have lost a couple of points compared to 3 weeks ago. Today it's Newsom 44% to Maldonado 39%. There is movement among men.

Filtering: SurveyUSA interviewed 1,000 California adults 08/31/10 through 09/01/10. Of them, 844 were registered to vote. Of the registered voters, 569 were determined by SurveyUSA to be likely to vote in the 11/02/10 general election, 2 months from today. Early voting begins in just over 1 month, on 10/04/10.

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If the election for California Governor were today, who would you vote for? Republican Meg Whitman? Democrat Jerry Brown? Or another candidate?

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Credibility Interval: +/-4.2 pct points		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Asian/O	Republi	Democr	Indepe	Conser	Modera	Liberal	Favora	Unfavor	Neutral	No Opi	Yes	No	Pro-life	Pro-cho	Yes	No
Whitman (R)	47%	50%	45%	40%	47%	51%	49%	44%	50%	52%	32%	37%	47%	82%	20%	59%	78%	41%	16%	80%	15%	49%	43%	45%	51%	66%	34%	58%	41%
Brown (D)	40%	36%	44%	43%	42%	38%	39%	42%	38%	38%	61%	45%	38%	8%	66%	31%	14%	44%	75%	11%	73%	37%	27%	46%	33%	22%	53%	34%	45%
Other	9%	11%	7%	9%	6%	10%	11%	7%	10%	9%	4%	13%	6%	9%	10%	7%	7%	10%	5%	8%	5%	9%	28%	5%	14%	7%	10%	6%	10%
Undecided	4%	3%	4%	8%	5%	1%	2%	6%	1%	2%	2%	5%	9%	2%	5%	3%	2%	5%	3%	1%	6%	5%	2%	5%	2%	4%	4%	2%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Likely Voters	100%	50%	50%	17%	32%	31%	20%	49%	51%	63%	5%	18%	14%	31%	47%	22%	30%	46%	18%	36%	37%	20%	8%	56%	44%	36%	59%	33%	61%

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Brown (D)	40%	36%	41%	41%	27%	40%	37%	54%
Other	9%	11%	11%	7%	8%	7%	13%	9%
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Fiorina (R)	48%	54%	42%	37%	50%	49%	52%	46%	50%	55%	20%	34%	47%	91%	16%	58%	87%	36%	17%	86%	12%	52%	37%	47%	50%	75%	30%	62%	38%
Boxer (D)	46%	41%	51%	61%	44%	44%	41%	50%	43%	39%	75%	62%	46%	4%	79%	35%	8%	57%	80%	11%	82%	38%	58%	48%	44%	20%	64%	33%	56%
Other	5%	4%	5%	1%	5%	5%	7%	3%	6%	6%	5%	1%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	2%	3%	5%	8%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	5%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Boxer (D)	46%	43%	51%	44%	28%	50%	39%	60%
Other	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%	4%	5%
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Maldonado (R)	39%	41%	36%	37%	36%	37%	47%	36%	41%	44%	18%	30%	34%	73%	13%	47%	71%	34%	10%	63%	20%	41%	12%	41%	37%	55%	27%	52%	30%
Newsom (D)	44%	41%	46%	57%	42%	41%	39%	47%	40%	40%	62%	52%	43%	9%	73%	29%	11%	48%	78%	15%	68%	41%	63%	42%	44%	20%	59%	33%	51%
Other	15%	16%	14%	5%	17%	19%	12%	13%	16%	13%	17%	14%	21%	16%	11%	21%	16%	14%	11%	21%	10%	9%	22%	14%	15%	23%	10%	13%	16%
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Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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Certain No	43%	41%	46%	33%	44%	45%	48%	40%	46%	40%	44%	55%	44%	53%	40%	38%	61%	38%	31%	54%	33%	44%	46%	43%	44%	61%	32%	50%	42%
Not Certain	10%	5%	14%	8%	10%	8%	15%	9%	11%	8%	16%	7%	17%	9%	9%	13%	9%	9%	9%	9%	10%	8%	13%	9%	11%	8%	10%	8%	10%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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