LOCAL LEADERS ARE AT THE FRONTLINE OF FIGHTING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

They are making the tough choices and hard decisions to ensure the health, safety and welfare of their communities.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES (NLC) COMMISSIONED A SURVEY WITH MORNING CONSULT TO GATHER DATA ON HOW RESIDENTS ARE FEELING ABOUT THE RESPONSE OF THEIR LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

As local leaders, your residents are looking to you during this time of crisis. They want to see their local government take action to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and support the methods communities are already putting into place.

Taking Action

Residents support local leaders using a variety of actions to control the spread of the coronavirus in their community:

- **82%** Support closing public facilities
- **83%** Support banning/cancelling large gatherings
- **78%** Support closing restaurants and bars
- **88%** Support incentivizing employers to provide emergency paid sick leave
- **84%** Support limiting the amount of people who can attend social gatherings
- **83%** Support declaring a public health emergency
- **85%** Support mandating employers to provide emergency paid sick leave
- **84%** Support encouraging employers to require employees to work remotely
- **86%** of Americans support the federal government providing funds directly to cities and towns to support coronavirus challenges in local communities.
Helping The Most Vulnerable

Across age and gender, residents support local governments putting additional funds toward controlling the spread of COVID-19.

Raising Taxes

Even if it means raising taxes, 80% of residents still want to see their local government help control the spread of COVID-19 and support those most affected by the virus.

Support is strong across party lines, showing the bipartisan nature of getting something done right now, even if means tax hikes.

Helping control the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) has strong support across party lines.

- **86%** Democrats
- **81%** Republicans
- **70%** Independents

You can trust in the work you are doing at a local level. Controlling the spread of coronavirus is not a partisan issue. Residents overwhelmingly support their local governments making the hard decisions and putting their community first.

Methodology

This poll was conducted by Morning Consult between March 17 – 20, 2020 among a national sample of 2,200 U.S. adults. The interviews were conducted online, and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of U.S. adults based on age, educational attainment, gender, race, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of +/- 2%.