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Survey Shows Duncan D. Hunter with Comfortable Lead In 52nd Congressional District Republican Primary Race

El Cajon, CA (May 12, 2008) – In a survey of 400 registered voters in the 52nd Congressional district, Duncan D. Hunter, son of current Congressman Duncan Hunter, enjoys a substantial lead over other candidates in the race with 79% voter support.

Sycuan frequently conducts public opinion polling on a wide range of regional issues and election topics and shares the results with the public. This survey of voters in the 52nd Congressional District, where Sycuan is located, also asked voters about key issues in the race. Winning the War on Terror and illegal immigration were the top priorities for voters in this congressional race.

A summary of the survey results from Dr. Richard Maullin of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates is attached.

About The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation

The Sycuan Tribal Government operates one of the region's premier Indian gaming and resort facilities, the Sycuan Resort and Casino. The Sycuan Tribe demonstrates its strong commitment to the San Diego region through its support of civic and charitable organizations. The Tribe through the Sycuan Tribal Development Corporation (STDC) also seeks to reinvest back into the San Diego community with a progressive business development effort. To date, STDC has purchased the Singing Hills Country Club and the historic U.S. Grant Hotel, is an investor in Hotel Solamar near Petco Park, and is owner/developer of the Marina Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in National City. The Tribe also owns and operates Sycuan Ringside Promotions; the country's first tribally owned boxing promotion company and Sycuan Funds, a publicly traded and professionally managed mutual fund. Combined, these enterprises now employ nearly 4,000 San Diegans. For more information about Sycuan visit www.sycuan.com.

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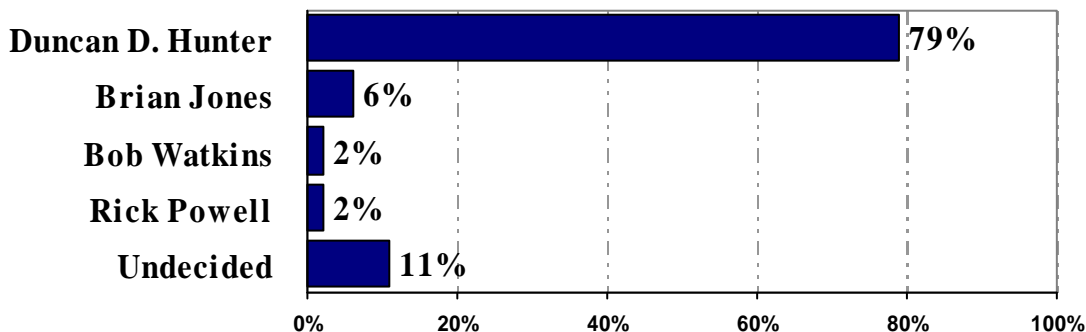
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TO: Interested Parties

FR: Dr. Richard Maullin and Jonathan Brown
Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates

RE: 52nd Congressional District Republican Primary Survey Results

According to our recent survey,¹ Duncan D. Hunter holds a massive lead over the field seeking the Republican nomination in the 52nd Congressional District. **Currently, Hunter receives nearly 80 percent of the vote**, while no other candidate exceeds six percent, as shown below.



Additionally, three-fourths of voters are aware that the Duncan Hunter on the ballot is, in fact, the son of the incumbent Congressman with the same name. While voters are clear on who the candidate is, the residual name identification from his father is a tremendous advantage. When voters were asked whether they had a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Duncan Hunter, 83 percent said they had a favorable opinion, while only five percent said they had an unfavorable opinion. In fact, the percentage of voters who said they had a “very favorable” opinion of Hunter – 59 percent – is more than the total name identification of each of the other four candidates in the field. Hunter possesses a level of popularity and support from voters that is not likely to be overcome by a field of little-known opponents.

¹ From May 8 to May 10, 2008 Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates conducted a survey of 400 voters in the 52nd Congressional District who are likely to cast a ballot in the June 2008 Republican primary. The margin of error for the entire sample is +/- 4.9%.

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 52, REPUBLICAN PRIMARY
220-2551
WFT N=400

Hello, I'm ____ from FMMA, a public opinion research firm. We're conducting a public opinion survey about issues that concern people in San Diego County. We are not telemarketers trying to sell you anything nor will we ask for a donation. May I please speak with _____? **(MUST SPEAK WITH VOTER LISTED. VERIFY THAT THE VOTER LIVES AT THE ADDRESS LISTED-- OTHERWISE TERMINATE.)**

1. A lot of times things come up and people are not able to vote. In June, there will be a statewide primary election for Congress, State Legislature, City offices and state and local ballot measures. I know it may be a long way off, but how likely are you to actually vote in this election? Will you definitely vote, probably vote, are the chances 50-50 that you will vote, will you probably not vote, or will you definitely not vote?

Definitely vote----- 92%
 Probably vote ----- 7%
 50-50----- 1%
 Probably not vote----- 1%
 Definitely not vote ----- **TERMINATE**
(DON'T KNOW/NA)----- 0%

2. First, do you think things in _____ **(READ ITEMS FROM LIST)** are headed in the right direction, or do you feel that they are off on the wrong track?

(DO NOT ROTATE)	<u>RIGHT</u>	<u>WRONG</u>	<u>(DK/</u>
	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>NA)</u>
a. The United States -----	25% -----	58% -----	16%
b. California -----	18% -----	70% -----	11%
c. Your city or area -----	49% -----	40% -----	10%

3. Next, I am going to read you four issues or problems facing our nation. After you hear all four, tell me which issue you believe should be the top priority for your Member of Congress. And which issue would be your next highest priority? **(ROTATE)**

	<u>Top Priority</u>	<u>2nd Priority</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cutting taxes, eliminating wasteful government spending and stimulating the economy to create jobs -----	22%-----	18%
<input type="checkbox"/> Winning the War on Terror and eliminating the threat of radical Islam around the world -----	22%-----	24%
<input type="checkbox"/> Cracking down on illegal immigration by constructing the border fence and fighting any effort to give amnesty to illegal immigrants -----	23%-----	24%
<input type="checkbox"/> Protecting Christian values by protecting the right to life and the sanctity of marriage from attacks by liberals -----	13%-----	12%
(ALL) -----	17%-----	18%
(NONE) -----	2%-----	3%
(DON'T KNOW/NA) -----	1%-----	2%

4. Now, I'm going to read a list of people who are active in public life, and for each I would like you to tell me if you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of that person. If you've never heard of that person, please say so. **(IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK:)** Is that very or somewhat **FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE?** **(ROTATE)**

	<u>VERY FAV</u>	<u>S.W. FAV</u>	<u>(NEUT.)</u>	<u>S.W. UNFAV</u>	<u>VERY UNFAV</u>	<u>(HEARD OF/ DON'T KNOW)</u>	<u>(NEVER HEARD OF)</u>
[]a. John McCain-----	43%-----	34%-----	11%-----	5%-----	5%-----	2%-----	0%
[]b. Duncan Hunter -----	59%-----	24%-----	4%-----	2%-----	3%-----	4%-----	2%
[]c. Brian Jones-----	9%-----	6%-----	7%-----	2%-----	1%-----	12%-----	62%
[]d. Arnold Schwarzenegger-----	27%-----	26%-----	15%-----	16%-----	15%-----	0%-----	1%
[]e. Rick Powell-----	1%-----	3%-----	5%-----	1%-----	1%-----	10%-----	79%
[]f. Bob Watkins-----	2%-----	4%-----	5%-----	1%-----	1%-----	11%-----	75%
[]g. Bill Kolender-----	27%-----	26%-----	11%-----	5%-----	6%-----	9%-----	16%

5. If the Republican primary election for Congress from your area were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were: Duncan D. Hunter, Marine Corps Captain; Rick L. Powell, Retired Federal Agent; Brian Jones, Businessman/Santee City Councilman; and Bob Watkins, San Diego County Board of Education President/Businessman

Duncan D. Hunter ----- 76%
(LEAN HUNTER) ----- 4%
TOTAL HUNTER ----- **79%**

Rick L. Powell ----- 1%
(LEAN POWELL) ----- 0%
TOTAL POWELL ----- **2%**

Brian Jones ----- 5%
(LEAN JONES) ----- 1%
TOTAL JONES ----- **6%**

Bob Watkins ----- 2%
(LEAN WATKINS) ----- 0%
TOTAL WATKINS ----- **2%**

(DON'T KNOW/NA) ----- 11%

6. The candidate I just mentioned named Duncan Hunter is not the current Congressman, but rather his son, who has the same name. Were you aware of that fact before I mentioned it?

Yes, aware ----- 75%
 No, not aware ----- 25%
(DON'T KNOW/NA) ----- 0%

7. Does this information make you more or less likely to vote for Duncan D. Hunter to succeed his father as Congressman? **(IF MORE/LESS LIKELY ASK)** “Is that much **MORE/LESS LIKELY** or just somewhat?”

Much more likely ----- 33%
 Somewhat more likely ----- 25%
 Somewhat less likely ----- 6%
 Much less likely ----- 6%
(DON'T KNOW/NA) ----- 30%

NOW, I AM GOING TO READ BRIEF PROFILES OF SOME OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS FROM YOUR AREA

(ROTATE Q8-Q10)

8. Duncan D. Hunter is a Marine Corps Veteran who has served three tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq since 2001. He joined the Marines the day after the September 11 attacks on our country. His priorities as Congressman include eliminating the threat posed by radical Islam to America and our interests abroad, as well as completing the border fence and cracking down on illegal immigration and cutting taxes and government spending. Having heard this, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of Duncan D. Hunter? **(IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ASK)** “Is that very **FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE** or just somewhat?”

Very favorable----- 58%
 Somewhat favorable ----- 33%
TOTAL FAVORABLE -----91%

(NETURAL) ----- 3%

Somewhat unfavorable ----- 1%
 Very unfavorable----- 3%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE----- 3%

(DON'T KNOW/NA)----- 2%

(ROTATE Q8-Q10)

9. Brian Jones grew up in Santee and currently serves on the City Council there, as well as volunteering for a variety of community groups. During his tenure on the City Council, Santee has emerged as one of the safest, and most family-friendly communities in the area. Jones is also a minister and is running for Congress to preserve the bedrock values of God, family and country that are under attack from liberals. Having heard this, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of Brian Jones? **(IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ASK)** “Is that very **FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE** or just somewhat?”

Very favorable----- 34%
 Somewhat favorable ----- 30%
TOTAL FAVORABLE -----64%

(NETURAL) ----- 14%

Somewhat unfavorable ----- 7%
 Very unfavorable----- 6%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE----- 14%

(DON'T KNOW/NA)----- 8%

(ROTATE Q8-Q10)

10. Bob Watkins is a no-nonsense conservative Republican who firmly believes that Republicans must return to our conservative roots- fighting for a leaner and more efficient government and rooting out corruption. In 2004, he was elected to the County Board of Education, where he has focused on improving student performance with greater accountability to parents and taxpayers. He is also a successful businessman who understands how to improve the economy and create jobs. Having heard this, do you have a generally favorable or generally unfavorable opinion of Bob Watkins? **(IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE ASK)** “Is that very **FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE** or just somewhat?”

Very favorable----- 33%
 Somewhat favorable ----- 36%
TOTAL FAVORABLE ----- 69%

(NETURAL) ----- 14%

Somewhat unfavorable ----- 5%
 Very unfavorable----- 6%
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE----- 10%

(DON'T KNOW/NA)----- 7%

11. Now that you have heard more about these candidates, let me ask you again. If the Republican primary election for Congress from your area were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were: Duncan D. Hunter, Marine Corps Captain; Rick L. Powell, Retired Federal Agent; Brian Jones, Businessman/Santee City Councilman; and Bob Watkins, San Diego County Board of Education President/Businessman

Duncan D. Hunter----- 64%
(LEAN HUNTER) ----- 4%
TOTAL HUNTER ----- 69%

Rick L. Powell----- 1%
(LEAN POWELL)----- 0%
TOTAL POWELL----- 1%

Brian Jones ----- 9%
(LEAN JONES) ----- 2%
TOTAL JONES ----- 11%

Bob Watkins ----- 9%
(LEAN WATKINS) ----- 1%
TOTAL WATKINS ----- 9%

(DON'T KNOW/NA)----- 10%

HERE ARE MY LAST QUESTIONS, AND THEY ARE FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES ONLY

12. What was the last level of school you completed?

Grades 1-8-----	0%
Grades 9-11 -----	2%
High School Graduate -----	17%
Some college/business vocational school -----	34%
College Graduate-----	32%
Post-Graduate Work/ Professional School -----	14%
(DON'T KNOW/NA) -----	1%

13. Do you own or rent your home

Own-----	89%
Rent -----	9%
(DON'T READ) Refused-----	1%

14. In what year were you born?

1990-1984 (18-24) -----	1%
1983-1979 (25-29) -----	3%
1978-1974 (30-34) -----	3%
1973-1969 (35-39) -----	3%
1968-1964 (40-44) -----	7%
1963-1959 (45-49) -----	12%
1958-1954 (50-54) -----	12%
1953-1949 (55-59) -----	12%
1948-1944 (60-64) -----	12%
1943-1934 (65-74) -----	14%
1933 or earlier (75 & over) -----	18%
(REFUSED/ DK/NA) -----	3%

15. With which racial or ethnic group do you identify yourself? **(READ RESPONSES)**

Hispanic or Latino -----	2%
African-American or Black -----	0%
Anglo/White -----	91%
Asian-----	2%
Something else-----	1%
(DON'T READ) Refused/NA-----	5%

16. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household before taxes in the year 2007? Was it:

\$25,000 and under-----	3%
\$25,001 - \$35,000-----	5%
\$35,001 - \$50,000-----	6%
\$50,001 - \$70,000-----	17%
\$70,001 - \$100,000-----	22%
\$100,001 - \$150,000-----	13%
\$150,001 or more-----	10%
(DON'T READ) Refused/NA-----	25%

17. Can you give me your ZIP code? _____

THANK AND TERMINATE

GENDER (BY OBSERVATION):

Male----- 49%
 Female----- 51%

Name _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

Date _____

ZIP CODE _____

FIPS _____

Interviewer _____

Cluster # _____

Verified by _____

Page # _____

Precinct _____

Voter ID# _____

Yes----- 49%
 No----- 51%

STATEWIDE ELECTION FLAGS

G00-----87%
 P02-----71%
 G02-----77%
 R03-----90%
 P04-----81%
 G04-----97%
 S05-----88%
 P06-----83%
 G06-----93%
 F08-----89%
 BLANK----- 0%

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

66-----1%
 75-----20%
 76-----3%
 77-----60%
 78-----17%

SENATE DISTRICT

36-----88%
 38-----1%
 39-----11%
 40-----1%

VOTE BY MAIL

1+-----14%
 2+-----5%
 3+-----43%
 BLANK-----38%

PERMANENT ABSENTEE