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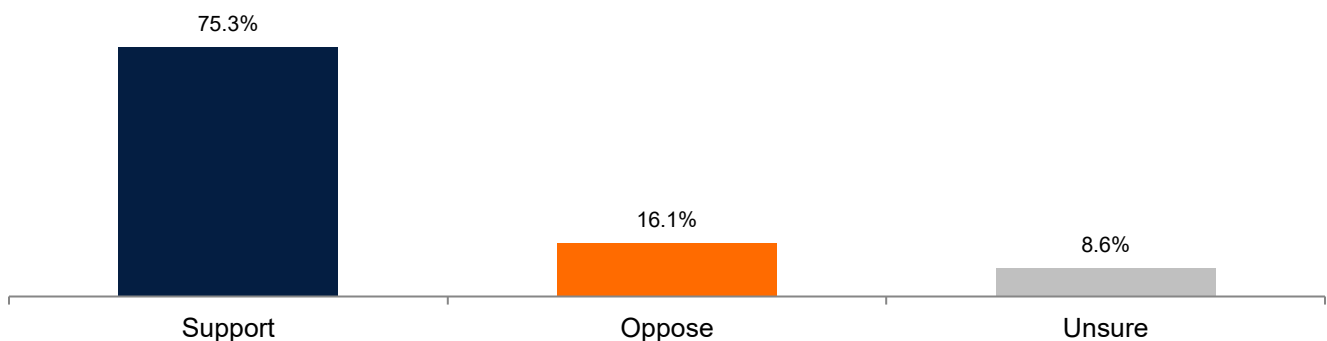
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Subject: Statewide Poll

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On September 25, 2025, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) [announced revisions](#) to its zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) mandate. The original rule required rapid adoption of ZEV medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks and vans by both private and public fleets. Local agency representatives from across California provided comments requesting CARB update and expand its emergency vehicle exemption to exclude from the regulations those vehicles that respond to and support critical operations related to emergencies and disasters. **The revised framework repeals the mandate on private fleets and directs CARB staff to develop amendments to the regulation affecting state and local government to be considered at a future 15-day comment period.**

In a recent statewide poll, we found that **75% of voters support extending the existing exemption<sup>1</sup>** beyond fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars to include all additional vehicles that respond to, or provide support in, emergency situations such as wildfires, floods, and earthquakes. The broad support for extending exemptions to additional emergency support vehicles indicates voters take a comprehensive view of emergency response needs.

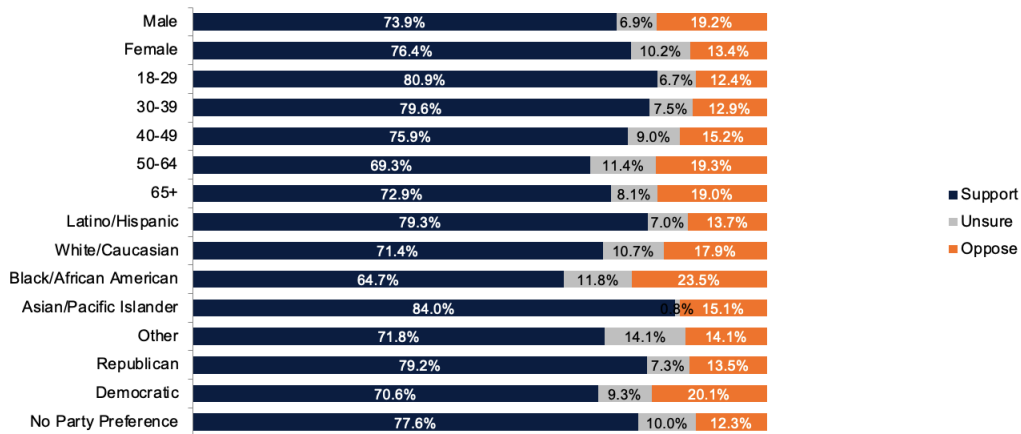


The overwhelming support for extending the existing exemption (75%) is represented by strong consensus across California's diverse population.

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<sup>1</sup> Fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars are exempt from the California regulation requiring zero-emission vehicles for all state and local government fleets.

Do you support or oppose extending this exemption to all additional vehicles anticipated to respond to or provide support in emergency situations such as wildfires, floods, and earthquakes?



## Methodology

From September 6 to 11, 2025, Probolsky Research conducted a poll among 1,000 voters in California. A poll of this size yields a margin of error of +/-3.3% with a confidence level of 95%. Interviews were conducted with by telephone (38%) and online survey methods (62%). Phone participants were interviewed on landlines (25%) and mobiles (75%) calls. Online participants were invited by email (44%) and text message (56%). The online survey was accessible by computer, tablet, or smart phone. Respondents in all modes chose their preferred language, English (92%) or Spanish (8%).

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