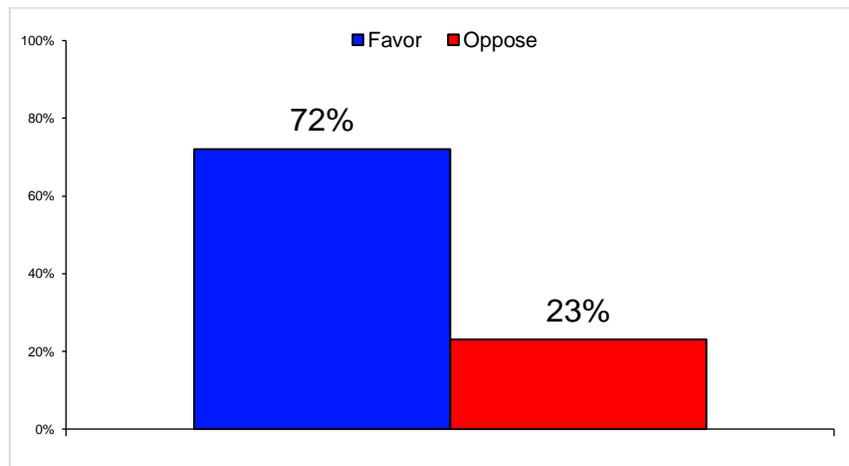


To: Interested Parties
From: Jill Normington
Date: November 19, 2021
RE: Poll Results in Clark County—Kulning Wind Energy Project and Proposed Avi-Kwa-Ame Monument
Protecting our Natural Resources and Expanding Our Renewable Energy Resources

The following is a summary of findings from a hybrid survey conducted among 600 registered voters in Clark County, NV. Respondents were reached using live interviewers on both landlines and mobile phones, as well as a via online panel. Interviews were conducted October 24-27, 2021. The sampling error for this survey is $\pm 4.0\%$.

Support for the Kulning Wind Energy Project (KWEP) outside of Searchlight, NV is strong with 64% of Clark County voters favoring the project and just 26% opposed. When voters are given a brief description¹ of the project support increases to 72% (see figure below). That includes a majority of Republicans, Independents and Democrats supporting the project.



Support for the creation of the Avi Kwa’Ame National Monument is weaker at 50% and 27% opposed. Knowledge of the proposed monument is markedly lower than KWEP. Informing voters of more detail about the project increases support to 69% with 25% opposed.

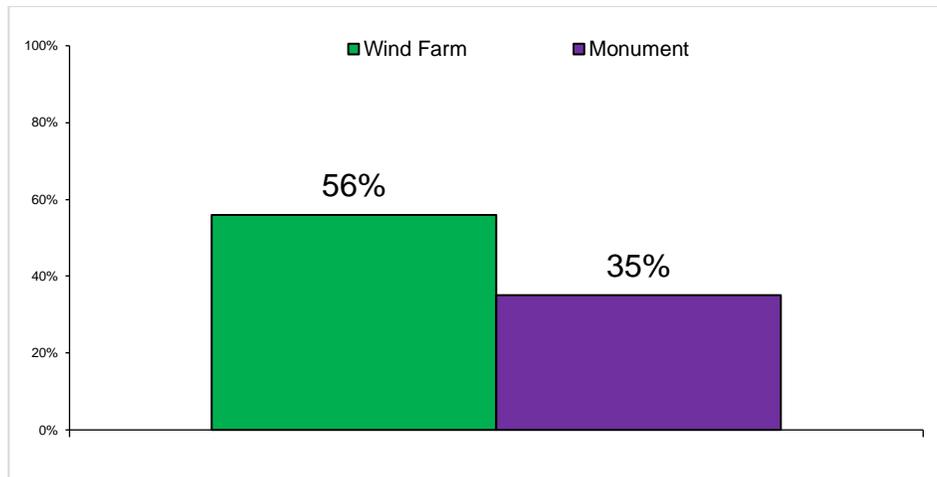
Unlike other polling on this topic, this poll was crafted to allow both sides to use their own words. The information read to voters about the monument was derived from the website created by the promoters of the monument, “*The proposed Spirit Mountain National Monument spans more than 380,000 acres of public land in southern Nevada. Designating these lands as a national monument would ensure their preservation for the benefit of present and future generations. The proposed monument contains some of the most visually stunning and biologically diverse lands in the Mojave Desert. Spirit Mountain is considered sacred by the Yuman speaking tribes.*”

While support for both projects reaches similar levels after a balanced narrative from both, voters clearly prefer the proposal to build Kulning Wind Energy Project over creating the national monument, 49% to 37%.

¹ The Kulning Wind Energy Project would be Clark County’s first utility-scale wind farm. The proposed 308-megawatt project would consist of up to 68 turbines and would connect to a pre-existing electricity substation. The Kulning project is located nine miles west of Searchlight, at the northern end of the New York Mountains. A renewable energy company plans to build the project using their own money, costing taxpayers nothing.

Some of the strongest support comes from Democrats (60%), Hispanic voters (58%), Black voters (55%), and voters under age 50 (56%). Voters in all three Congressional districts prefer KWEP to Spirit Mountain.

When voters are told that Kulning could help meet clean energy goals (69% continue to support Question 6, the ballot measure that requires Nevada to hit 50% renewable energy by 2030 and 100% by 2050) and that both temporary and permanent jobs would be created, preference for KWEP over the proposed Avi-Kwa-Ame monument moves to 56% compared to 35% who prefer the monument (see figure below). Voters of all kinds, across all three Congressional districts prefer the Kulning project as do Democrats (64%), Independents (52%), and Republicans (51%). Finding partisan agreement is rare in the current political environment.



However, one of the most potent arguments is that the land could accommodate BOTH projects. The fact is that KWEP footprint is less than 2% of the land that the Avi Kwa’Ame National Monument would occupy. The public could continue to access the land for hiking, OHV, and other recreation. Rarely is there a “you can have your cake and eat it too” argument in politics, but this is precisely that situation.