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**To: Interested Parties**

**Fr:** Brian Stryker

**Re:** Mahan Continues Growth, Surpasses Porter

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Matt Mahan has continued to grow in public polling, and our polling shows the same. Ours is the second poll showing him pulling into third place among Democrats and more than tripling his vote share since March.

**Key Findings**

- **Becerra has taken a lead since Swalwell dropped out, while Mahan continues to grow.** Mahan has broken into double digits (10%), passing Porter and moving into third place among the Democratic candidates:

Candidate	May 3	April 12	Change
<b>Xavier Becerra</b>	23	7	+16
<b>Tom Steyer</b>	14	16	-2
<b>Matt Mahan</b>	10	8	+2
<b>Katie Porter</b>	9	14	-5
<b>Antonio Villaraigosa</b>	1	1	--
<b>Tony Thurmond</b>	1	1	--
<b>Steve Hilton</b>	23	25	-2
<b>Chad Bianco</b>	11	10	+1
<b>Others</b>	2	2	--

- **Mahan is still introducing himself to voters, and we should expect him to continue to climb as voters get to know him.** Unlike the other three leading Democrats—one who has spent 9 figures, one who ran for statewide office, and one who held statewide office—Mahan started the race with low name ID. Mahan’s vote total soars to 21% among those who can identify him, and as more voters get to know him, his vote share will continue to increase.
- **When voters hear more about Mahan taking on the homelessness crisis and suing Trump’s ICE, Mahan’s vote share grows.** In this poll, Mahan continues to grow his vote share as voters hear more about his record. They respond to positive information about Mahan on:

Findings are based on a poll of n=900 likely primary election voters in California, conducted via phone and text. Respondents were weighted to be representative to the likely June electorate. The confidence interval for the full sample is +/- 3.3%; for subgroups it varies and is higher.

- Homelessness. Under Mahan's leadership, San Jose reduced homelessness by a third and opened more shelter beds than any West Coast city. As Mayor of San Jose, Mahan had the city regularly clear homelessness encampments, got people into shelters, required them to get treatment, and got them off the streets and out of public parks, schools, and playgrounds. He also expanded shelter beds and built more homes for the homeless than any West Coast city.
- ICE. Mahan has a proven record of standing up to Donald Trump on ICE. He sued Trump 11 times as Mayor and forced ICE out of city properties when they were using them to stage deportation raids.