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## **Senator McCain Leads in Kent County**

### **While Obama Continues to Struggle**

Below are the results from a poll conducted in Kent County on May 13, 2008 by the Kent County Republican Committee to gauge where voters stand and are leaning in this election. Kent County has a population of 596,666 and this poll did a random sampling of 1628 voters. The poll has a margin of error of 2.43%. We are releasing the poll in its entirety and the questions below are the order in which they were asked. The results:

If the election were held today which candidate would you vote for:

John McCain 64 %  
Barack Obama 36 %

Barack Obama has said he will meet with rogue world leaders who back terrorist organizations like the Presidents of Iran and Syria. Does this make you:

More likely to vote for Barack Obama – 15 %  
Less likely to vote for Barack Obama – 37 %  
No impact on my decision – 31 %

Barack Obama has said people from small towns in the Midwest "get bitter, cling to guns or religion... antipathy towards those who aren't like them." Does this make you:

More likely to vote for Barack Obama – 9 %  
Less likely to vote for Barack Obama – 46 %  
No impact on my decision – 35 %

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A senior advisor with the terrorist organization Hamas has endorsed Barack Obama for president saying "He brings real change to America." Does this make you:

- More likely to vote for Barack Obama – 12 %
- Less likely to vote for Barack Obama – 50 %
- No impact on my decision – 32 %

Knowing what you know now, if the election were held today which candidate would you vote for:

- John McCain 64 %
- Barack Obama 29 %

The results show that the more voters learn about Barack Obama, the less likely they are to support his vision to change America in the general election. He drops 7 points after voters are read statements he has made or positions he has taken on issues. Senator McCain is in a strong position to do well in West Michigan and carry the state of Michigan in 2008.

“ Clearly Senator McCain is positioned to win West Michigan by a sizeable margin that will help him carry the state of Michigan for the first time in 20 years as the Republican nominee,” said Dave Dishaw, Kent County Republican Committee Chairman. “The more people learn about Barack Obama’s weak foreign policy positions and his attitude towards voters in small towns in the Midwest, the less they like him.”

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