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PRESIDENT FOX'S PITCH FOR MORE US ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AID SUPPORTED IN ARIZONA

Phoenix, Arizona, February 20, 2001. Seventy-five percent of adults in Arizona's capitol city look favorably upon Mexico President Vicente Fox's appeal for increased economic aid from the United States and Canada. President Fox argues that increased economic development aid will benefit all three countries by strengthening the Mexican economy and reducing crime rates there, which in turn could do a great deal to reduce the desire of jobless Mexicans to enter this country and Canada for work. Nearly a quarter here think the U.S. should greatly increase economic development aid to Mexico.

Additionally, were President George W. Bush to take up the banner here in behalf of President Fox, it might well kindle new support among Hispanic voters that was so elusive for him during last year's election. Thus, among Latino voters in Arizona's capitol city, 93 percent favor increasing such aid, including half who favor "greatly" increasing such aid.

Overall, a quarter of Valley residents think U.S. economic support for Mexico should be increased a "great deal," including half of those of Hispanic descent.

The findings outlined in this report are based on a survey of 608 residents of Maricopa County conducted in February by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona as part of the Center's independent and non-partisan Rocky Mountain Poll series. For more information you may visit www.brcpolls.com.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This Rocky Mountain Poll - Arizona (2001-I-10), is based on 608 interviews with adult heads of household throughout the metropolitan Phoenix area between February 9 and 12 of 2001 . Where necessary, figures for age, sex, race and political party were weighted to bring them into line with their actual proportion in the population. In a sample of this size, one can say with a 95 percent certainty that the results have a statistical precision of plus or minus 4.05 percent of what they would have been had the entire adult population been surveyed. The Rocky Mountain Poll is conducted by the Behavior Research Center of Arizona and is an independent and non-partisan research program sponsored by the Center.

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"The new President of Mexico, Vicente Fox, has proposed that the United States and Canada help Mexico improve its economy and reduce its crime rate. President Fox believes that better economic and social conditions in Mexico will reduce the pressure for jobless Mexicans to illegally enter the U.S. and Canada looking for work. With this in mind, do you think the United States should increase economic development funding for Mexico a great deal, some, only a little, or not at all?"

MARICOPA COUNTY

	TOTAL	HISPANICS	NON HISPANICS
A great deal	23%	48%	19%
Some	38	32	39
Only a little	14	12	15
Not at all	20	7	22
Unsure	5	1	5
	100%	100%	100%

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