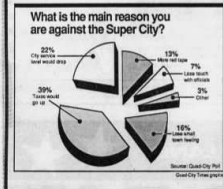
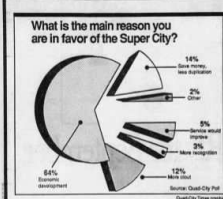


Super City Poll

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Poll shows more than approval



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The facts

WHAT: Illinois Quad-City Super City.

WHO: Made up of the merged cities of Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Coal Valley, Hampton and possibly Milan.

WHERE: Residents of those cities will vote on a Nov. 8 referendum to unify the Illinois Quad-Cities.

WHY: Proponents say unification would mean improved economic development and more jobs. Opponents fear greater costs, loss of identity, and reduced services.

RESISTANCE: Many people are not voting on the issue because an objection has been filed to the validity of the petition to put the Super City question on the ballot.

AN ELECTION: Will decide Tuesday whether the petitioners are valid.

IF JUST: Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Coal Valley and Hampton merge, the population of the Super City would be nearly 119,000 — making it the fourth largest city in the state.

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More men than women will vote for a Super City

■ Of the 40 percent who said they were in favor of the Super City proposal:

— 64 percent said their main reason for supporting the plan was because they said it would improve economic development.

— 14 percent said it would save money and would result in less duplication.

— 12 percent said it would improve political clout in Springfield and Washington, D.C.

— 3 percent said the level of city services would improve.

— 3 percent said it would give the area national recognition.

■ Of the 30 percent who said they opposed the Super City proposal:

— 39 percent said their main reason for opposing the plan was because they feared taxes would go up.

— 22 percent said city services would decline.

— 10 percent said they would lose their "small town feeling."

— 7 percent said unification would result in more red tape.

— 3 percent had other replies.

■ About one-fourth of the people answering the survey question

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Super debate takes place next week

NEXT SUNDAY: Through the eyes of one of the strongest supporters of the Super City idea, the Quad-City Times will take a detailed look at the pros and cons of the plan to merge the Illinois Quad-Cities.

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Here is how the poll was conducted

Per Mar Security & Research Corp., Davenport, randomly surveyed 300 people who live in the Illinois Quad-Cities about the Super City issue.

Those cities polled were Rock Island, Moline, East Moline, Hampton, Coal Valley and Milan.

The survey has a 95 percent confidence level with a margin of error of 3.7 percentage points.

The Per Mar staff conducted the telephone survey Aug. 21-29.

Of those interviewed: half were men, half women; 40 percent were

between the ages of 18 and 34; 28 percent were between the ages of 35 and 54; and 32 percent were over 55.

The majority of the calls — 91 percent — were made to residents of Rock Island, Moline and East Moline. The remaining 9 percent of those interviewed live in Hampton, Coal Valley and Milan.

Any person who said he or she would not vote in the Nov. 8 election was not allowed to complete the interview.

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