

## **Jennifer González still leads in the race for Governor but the margin has come down to 7 points**

The Puerto Rico Herald obtained the key findings of a tracking survey of Puerto Rico registered and likely voters. The poll was conducted between October 25<sup>th</sup> to October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by a nationally recognized public opinion research firm that has been gauging public opinion in the Island for three decades. The poll, not conducted for any candidate or party, included questions on a wide array of important topics, using a scientifically designed sample across of 807 likely voters all of Puerto Rico regions, age groups, gender and socioeconomic levels to produce reliable findings regarding the current attitudes of registered voters about issues and potential candidates for office. The margin of error is +/- 3%. An additional 200 likely voters only from San Juan was interviewed to include the mayoral race in the capital of the Commonwealth.

- It is a very, very, very tough political environment. Voters think things on the island are bad and not getting better, and they want to see substantial change as a result. Not good news for the party in power.
- Jennifer González's lead in the race for governor has been cut in half—she was up 13 in early October; she's up 7 now. Dalmau has the momentum; Ortiz is fading. She might be able to hold on, but it could be a challenge.
- Pablo José Hernández now leads the resident commissioner race by 3. William Villafañe is viewed less favorably than he was a few weeks ago, while voters have more positive views of Hernández who seems poised to win the race.
- Statehood is on track to win the plebiscite by somewhere between a comfortable margin and a massive margin. When tabulating only valid ballots Statehood garners 64%, Free Association 25% and Independence 11%.