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Worcester Tea Party Releases

Presidential Straw Poll

(Worcester, MA) A Presidential straw poll taken at the Worcester's Patriots Day Tea Party and Pig Roast held some interesting results. Texas Congressman Ron Paul easily took first place with 22.9% of the votes. A total of 160 votes were cast at Monday's Tea Party in Lincoln Square. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie took second place with 12.5% of the votes, followed by businessman Donald Trump, who narrowly bested Mitt Romney in his home territory.

Congressman Paul has been a strong advocate of restraining the size and scope of government for many years, the core issue of the young, but influential, Tea Party movement. Governor Christie has earned respect by his strait talking style and his willingness to confront public employee unions when necessary.

President Barack Obama did not receive any votes, though Secretary of State Hillary Clinton received two votes.

Party affiliation held some interesting statistics, as 60% of the Tea Party members casting ballots identified themselves as something other than Republican. The Tea Party is often associated by its detractors as being part of the Republican Party. 47% of the Tea Partiers identified themselves as Independent.

Tea Party members were also asked to give their opinion on a proposal to require that voters show identification when voting. 100% of those who voted on this question said that they support show i.d. to vote legislation.

Monday's Tea Party and Pig Roast was the third annual event sponsored by the Worcester Tea Party and a coalition of twelve other Tea Parties in Worcester County.

Complete straw poll results:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>#of Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
<i>TX Congressman Ron Paul</i>	35	21.88%
NJ Governor Chris Christie	20	12.50%
Businessman Donald Trump	18	11.25%
Former MA Governor Mitt Romney	15	9.38%
Former AK Governor Sarah Palin	12	7.50%
MN Representative Michele Bachman	11	6.88%
Former MN Governor Tim Pawlenty	11	6.88%
Former Speaker Newt Gingrich	6	3.75%
Former AR Governor Mike Huckabee	5	3.13%
Allan West	4	2.50%
Former Godfather Pizza CEO Herman Cain	4	2.50%
Former PA Senator Rick Santorum	4	2.50%
SD Senator John Thune	3	1.88%
MS Governor Haley Barbour	2	1.25%
John Bolton	2	1.25%
Paul Ryan	2	1.25%
Secretary of State Hilary Clinton	2	1.25%
IN Governor Mitch Daniels	1	0.63%
Jim DeMint	1	0.63%
Former UT Governor Jon Huntsman	1	0.63%
Former NM Governor Gary Johnson	1	0.63%
President Barack Obama	0	0.00%
	160	100.00%

Do you support Show ID to vote? 157 Yes, 0 No, 3 Abstains)

Party Affiliation

Independent	75	46.88%
Republican	64	40.00%
Libertarian	6	3.75%
Democrat	2	1.25%
Other/Did not answer	13	8.13%
	160	