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The Hobby School of Public Affairs at the University of Houston conducted a representative survey of Harris County registered voters who are likely to vote in the March 5, 2024 Democratic primary election to identify their candidate preferences and opinions. The survey was fielded between February 7 and February 15, 2024 by contacting registered voters via SMS messages through which the respondents were directed to an online survey platform with the option to complete the survey in English or in Spanish. The survey population of 1,400 has a margin of error of +/- 2.5% and is representative of those Harris County registered voters who are likely to vote in the March 2024 Democratic primary.

The data from this survey along with additional legislative district-specific data that were collected are presented in a series of three reports. The first report examined the vote intention of likely voters for the Harris County Democratic primaries for District Attorney, Sheriff, County Attorney, Tax Assessor-Collector, and Texas U.S. Senator (voters in Harris County will account for approximately one in six Texas Democratic primary voters this March). The second report focused on the vote intention of likely voters in the Democratic primaries for Texas Congressional Districts 7 and 18, Texas State Senate District 15, and Texas State House Districts 139, 142 and 146. This final report explores the evaluations of 20 local Democratic political figures by likely Harris County Democratic primary voters.

Executive Summary

The six Harris County Democratic political figures who are viewed favorably by the highest proportion of Harris County likely Democratic primary voters are Al Green (83%), Lina Hidalgo (82%), Annise Parker (78%), Ed Gonzalez (75%), Sylvester Turner (74%) and Adrian Garcia (73%).

The six Harris County Democratic political figures who are viewed favorably by the highest proportion of Harris County likely Democratic primary voters who know enough about them to have an opinion are Teneshia Hudspeth (95%), Chris Hollins (95%), Christian Menefee (94%), Lesley Briones (94%), Al Green (93%) and Ed Gonzalez (90%).

The three Harris County Democratic political figures who are viewed favorably by the highest proportion of white Harris County likely Democratic primary voters are Annise Parker (83%), Lina Hidalgo (82%) and Lizzie Fletcher (81%).

The three Harris County Democratic political figures who are viewed favorably by the highest proportion of Black Harris County likely Democratic primary voters are Al Green (92%), Lina Hidalgo (84%) and Sylvester Turner (84%).

The three Harris County Democratic political figures who are viewed favorably by the highest proportion of Latino Harris County likely Democratic primary voters are Ed Gonzalez (82%), Lina Hidalgo (81%) and Al Green (80%).

The six Harris County Democratic political figures who are viewed unfavorably by the highest proportion of Harris County likely Democratic primary voters are Kim Ogg (61%), Sheila Jackson Lee (38%), John Whitmire (25%), Sylvester Turner (22%), Lina Hidalgo (14%) and Borris Miles (12%).

The six Harris County Democratic political figures who are viewed unfavorably by the highest proportion of Harris County likely Democratic primary voters who know enough about them to have an opinion are Kim Ogg (68%), Sheila Jackson Lee (39%), John Whitmire (28%), Borris Miles (26%), Sylvester Turner (23%) and Carla Wyatt (19%).

The four political figures with the highest net favorability ratings (percentage favorable minus percentage unfavorable) are Al Green (77%), Lina Hidalgo (68%), Ed Gonzalez (67%) and Annise Parker (67%).

The four political figures with the lowest net favorability ratings (percentage favorable minus percentage unfavorable) are Kim Ogg (-32%), Carla Wyatt (13%), Sheila Jackson Lee (22%) and Borris Miles (23%).

The proportion of Harris County likely Democratic primary voters in the respective congressional districts of the Houston region's four Democratic U.S. House members who have a favorable opinion of their representative in Congress are 93% (Lizzie Fletcher), 87% (Al Green), 81% (Sylvia Garcia) and 62% (Sheila Jackson Lee).

The proportion of Harris County likely Democratic primary voters in the respective congressional districts of the Houston region's four Democratic U.S. House members who have an unfavorable opinion of their representative in Congress are 37% (Sheila Jackson Lee), 10% (Sylvia Garcia), 8% (Al Green) and 4% (Lizzie Fletcher).

The proportion of Harris County likely Democratic primary voters in the respective congressional districts of the Houston region's four Democratic U.S. House members who don't know enough about their representative in Congress to have an opinion about them are 10% (Sylvia Garcia), 8% (Al Green), 4% (Lizzie Fletcher) and 1% (Sheila Jackson Lee).
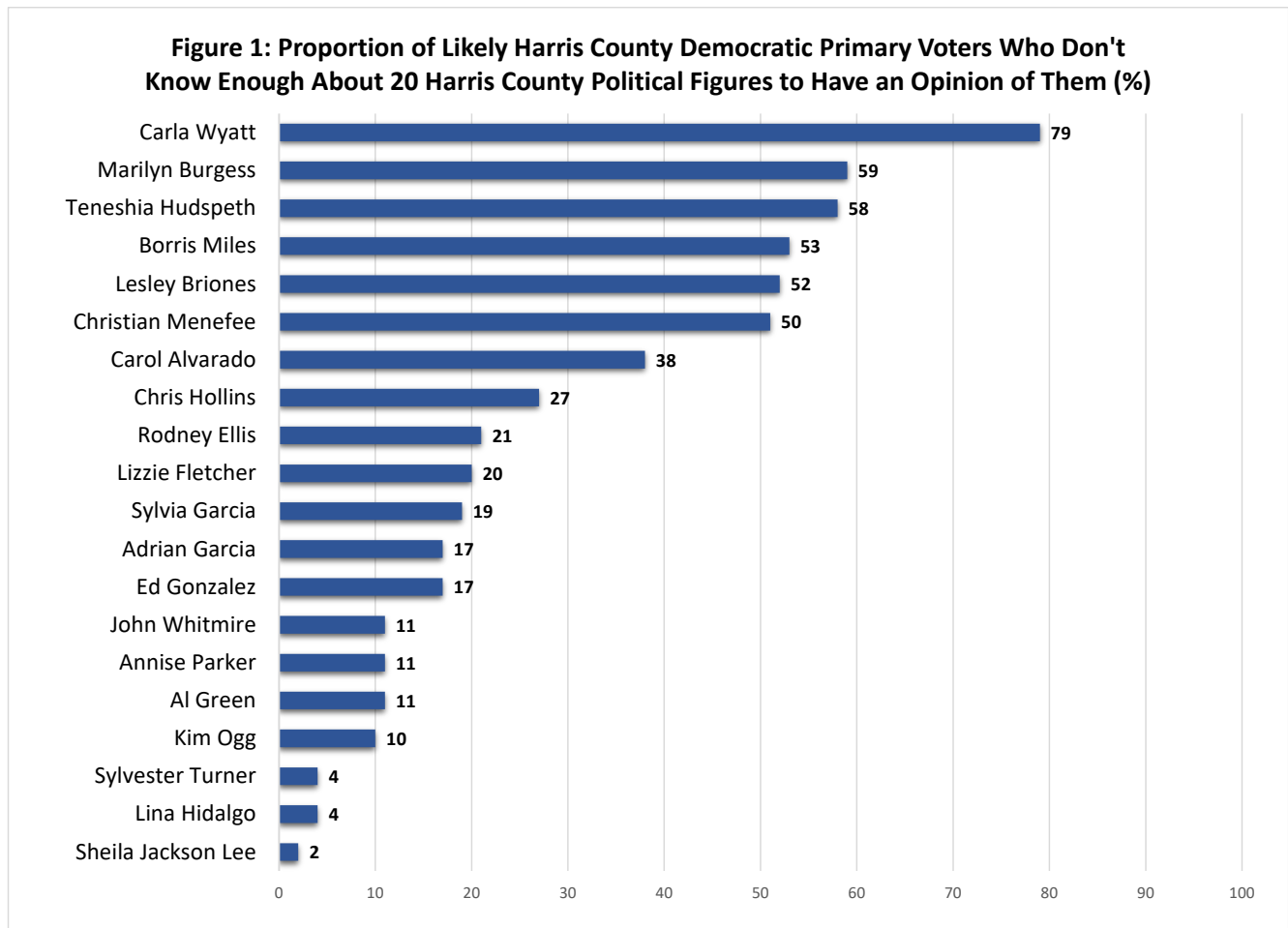
Survey Population Demographics

White likely voters account for 48% of this survey population of likely Harris County Democratic primary voters, Black likely voters 30%, Latino likely voters 18% and others 4% (2% Asian American, 2% something else). Women represent 57.7% of this population, men 41.7 and others 0.6%. Likely voters between the ages of 18 and 44 account for 27% of this population, those ages 45 to 64 for 39% and those 65 and older for 34%. Four-fifths (80%) of the population identifies as Democrat, with 17% identifying as Independent and 3% unsure of their partisan identification or identifying with either the Republican Party or with a minor party.

Overall Favorable & Unfavorable Evaluations

The survey's likely Harris County Democratic primary voters were asked if they had a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of 20 local Democratic political figures, or if they didn't know enough about the political figure to have an opinion.

The 20 political figures include the following: Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, Congressman Al Green, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Texas State Senator Carol Alvarado, Texas State Senator Borris Miles, Harris County's County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, District Attorney Kim Ogg, County Attorney Christian Menefee, County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth, County Treasurer Carla Wyatt, Precinct 1 County Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Precinct 2 County Commissioner Adrian Garcia and Precinct 4 County Commissioner Lesley Briones, Houston Mayor John Whitmire, former Houston Mayors Annise Parker and Sylvester Turner, and Houston City Controller Chris Hollins.

Figure 1 contains the proportion of likely voters in the 2024 Harris County Democratic primary election who reported that they do not know enough about the political figure to have an opinion of them, one way or another.

Figure 1: Proportion of Likely Harris County Democratic Primary Voters Who Don't Know Enough About 20 Harris County Political Figures to Have an Opinion of Them (%)

Political Figure	%
Carla Wyatt	79
Marilyn Burgess	59
Teneshia Hudspeth	58
Borris Miles	53
Lesley Briones	52
Christian Menefee	50
Carol Alvarado	38
Chris Hollins	27
Rodney Ellis	21
Lizzie Fletcher	20
Sylvia Garcia	19
Adrian Garcia	17
Ed Gonzalez	17
John Whitmire	11
Annise Parker	11
Al Green	11
Kim Ogg	10
Sylvester Turner	4
Lina Hidalgo	4
Sheila Jackson Lee	2

One half or more of likely Democratic primary voters do not know enough about six of these political figures to be able to evaluate them favorably or unfavorably. The proportions range from lows of 50%, 52% and 53% for Menefee, Briones and Miles, respectively, to highs of 79%, 59% and 58% for Wyatt, Burgess and Hudspeth, respectively. Significantly more likely voters do not know enough about Wyatt to have an opinion than is the case for any of the other political figures.

At the other end of the continuum in Figure 1, fewer than one in twenty Harris County likely Democratic primary voters don't know enough about Jackson Lee (2%), Hidalgo (4%) and Turner (4%) to have an opinion of them.

Intermediate between these two extremes are a quartet (Ogg, Green, Parker, Whitmire) who are not well known by approximately one in ten likely voters (10%, 11%, 11% and 11%, respectively) a quintet (Gonzalez, A. Garcia, S. Garcia, Fletcher, and Ellis) who are not well known by approximately two in ten voters (17%, 17%, 19%, 20% and 21%, respectively) and two political figures who are not well known by three in ten (Hollins, 27%) and four in ten (Alvarado, 38%) likely Harris County Democratic primary voters.

Figure 2 provides the proportion of likely Harris County Democratic primary election voters who have a favorable (very or somewhat) evaluation of the 20 political figures. At least three out of four likely voters have a favorable opinion of Green (83%), Hidalgo (82%), Parker (78%) and Gonzalez (75%). Between two-thirds and three-fourths of likely voters have a favorable opinion of Turner (74%), A. Garcia (73%), Fletcher (72%), S. Garcia (71%), Ellis (69%), and Hollins (69%). Seven political figures are viewed favorably by less than one-half of these likely voters: Menefee (46%), Briones (45%), Hudspeth (40%), Miles (35%), Burgess (35%), Ogg (29%) and Wyatt (17%); with the exception of Ogg, the other six political figures are those for whom one-half or more of likely voters did not know enough about to have an opinion.

Figure 2: Proportion of Harris County Likely Democratic Primary Voters With a Favorable Evaluation of Harris County Democratic Political Figures (%)

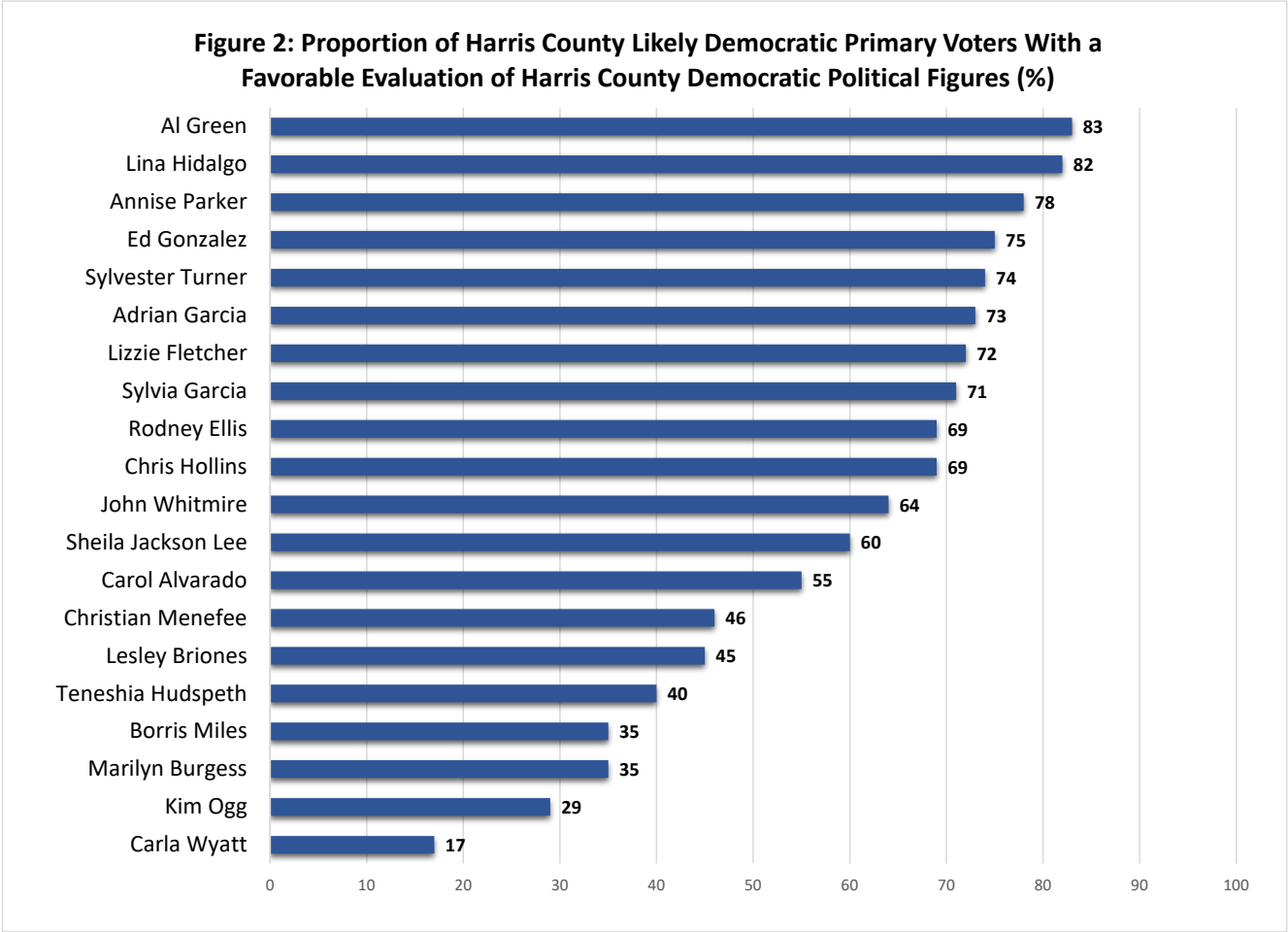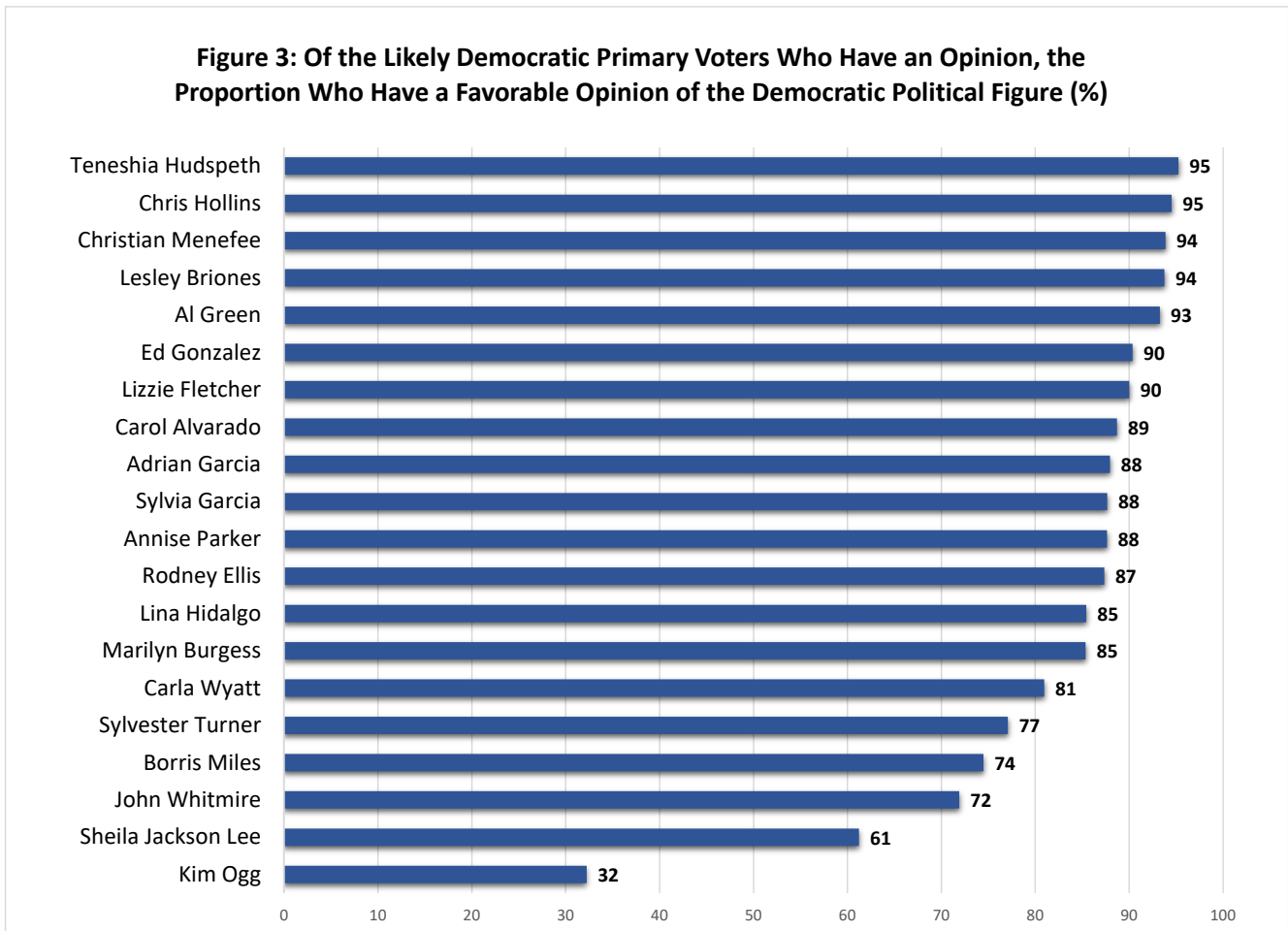| Political Figure	%
Al Green	83
Lina Hidalgo	82
Annise Parker	78
Ed Gonzalez	75
Sylvester Turner	74
Adrian Garcia	73
Lizzie Fletcher	72
Sylvia Garcia	71
Rodney Ellis	69
Chris Hollins	69
John Whitmire	64
Sheila Jackson Lee	60
Carol Alvarado	55
Christian Menefee	46
Lesley Briones	45
Teneshia Hudspeth	40
Borris Miles	35
Marilyn Burgess	35
Kim Ogg	29
Carla Wyatt	17

Figure 3 provides a different favorability calculation, with the proportion of likely voters with a favorable evaluation of the political figures divided by the proportion of likely voters who expressed an opinion about the political figure (favorable or unfavorable), or, put another way, did not respond that they did not know enough about the political figure to have an opinion.

Figure 3: Of the Likely Democratic Primary Voters Who Have an Opinion, the Proportion Who Have a Favorable Opinion of the Democratic Political Figure (%)

Political Figure	Value
Teneshia Hudspeth	95
Chris Hollins	95
Christian Menefee	94
Lesley Briones	94
Al Green	93
Ed Gonzalez	90
Lizzie Fletcher	90
Carol Alvarado	89
Adrian Garcia	88
Sylvia Garcia	88
Annise Parker	88
Rodney Ellis	87
Lina Hidalgo	85
Marilyn Burgess	85
Carla Wyatt	81
Sylvester Turner	77
Borris Miles	74
John Whitmire	72
Sheila Jackson Lee	61
Kim Ogg	32

Nine out of ten or more likely Harris County Democratic primary voters who have an opinion about the political figure have a favorable opinion of seven of the 20 Houston area Democrats: Hudspeth (95%), Hollins (95%), Menefee (94%), Briones (94%), Green (93%), Gonzalez (90%) and Fletcher (90%). Another eight political figures receive a favorable evaluation of less than nine out of ten but greater than or equal to eight out of then likely Democratic primary voters who know enough about them to have an opinion: Alvarado (89%), A. Garcia (88%), S. Garcia (88%), Parker (88%), Ellis (87%), Hidalgo (85%), Burgess (85%), and Wyatt (81%). In only two cases do less than two-thirds of likely Democratic primary voters who have an opinion about the political figure possess a favorable opinion of them: Jackson Lee (61%) and Ogg (32%).

Figure 4 provides the proportion of likely Harris County Democratic primary election voters who have an unfavorable (very or somewhat) evaluation of the 20 political figures. More than one-half (61%) have an unfavorable opinion of Ogg, followed by 38% with an unfavorable opinion of Jackson Lee. At the other end of the spectrum, fewer than one in ten likely Democratic primary voters have an unfavorable opinion of Hudspeth (2%), Menefee (3%), Briones (3%), Wyatt (4%), Hollins (4%), Green (6%), Burgess (6%), Alvarado (7%), Fletcher (8%), and Gonzalez (8%).

Figure 4: Proportion of Likely Harris County Democratic Primary Voters With an Unfavorable Opinion of 20 Harris County Democratic Political Figures (%)
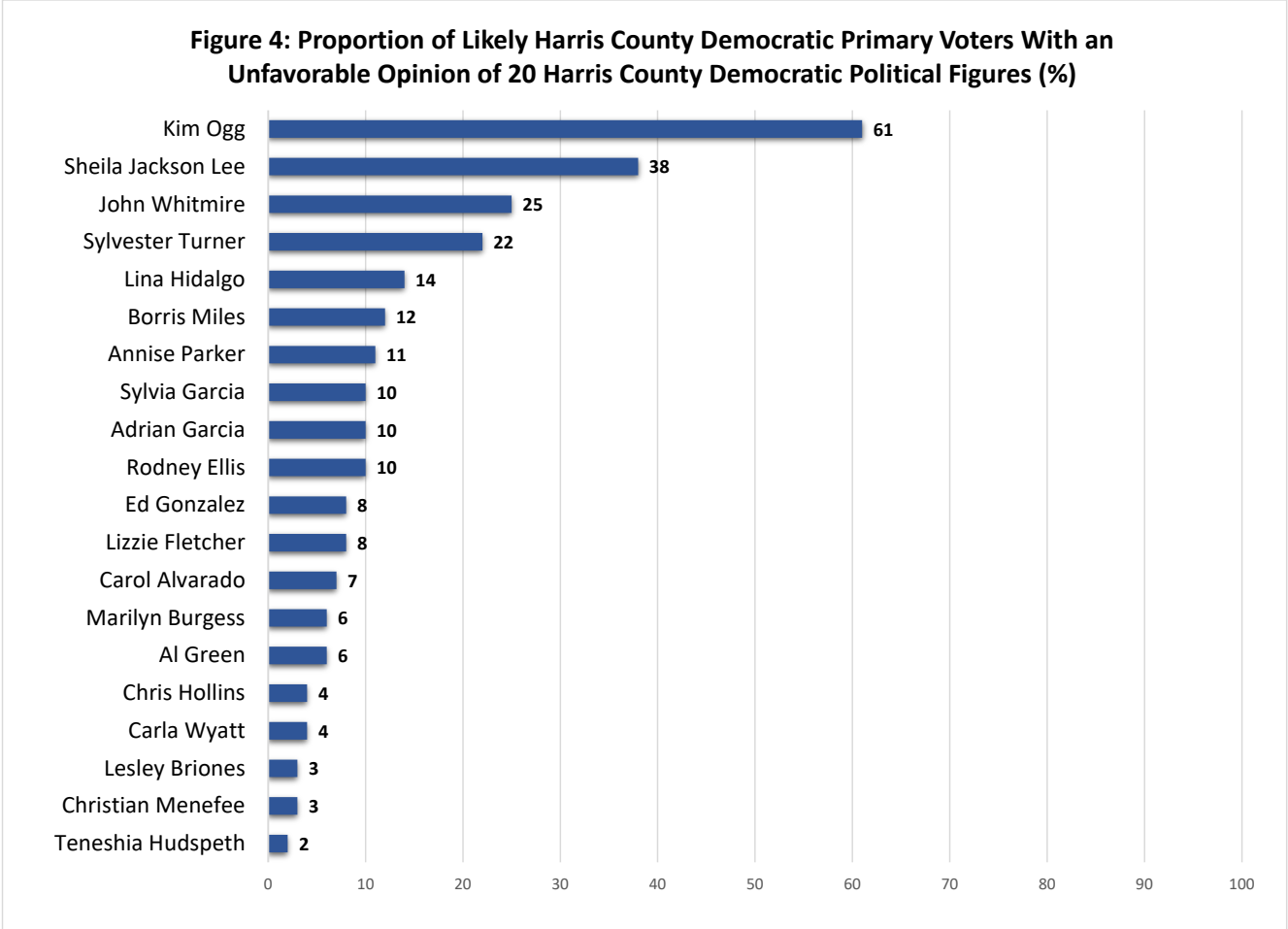
Figure 5 provides a different unfavorable calculation, with the proportion of likely voters with an unfavorable evaluation of the political figures divided by the proportion of likely voters who expressed an opinion about the political figure (favorable or unfavorable), or, put another way, did not respond that they did not know enough about the political figure to have an opinion. The proportions of likely voters with an opinion about a political figure who have an unfavorable opinion of a political figure range from a low of 5% (Hudspeth and Hollins) to a high of 68% (Ogg). The median political figure's unfavorable evaluation among those with an opinion about them is 12% (Parker, S. Garcia, A. Garcia).

Figure 5: Of the Likely Democratic Primary Voters Who Have an Opinion, the Proportion Who Have an Unfavorable Opinion of the Democratic Political Figure (%)

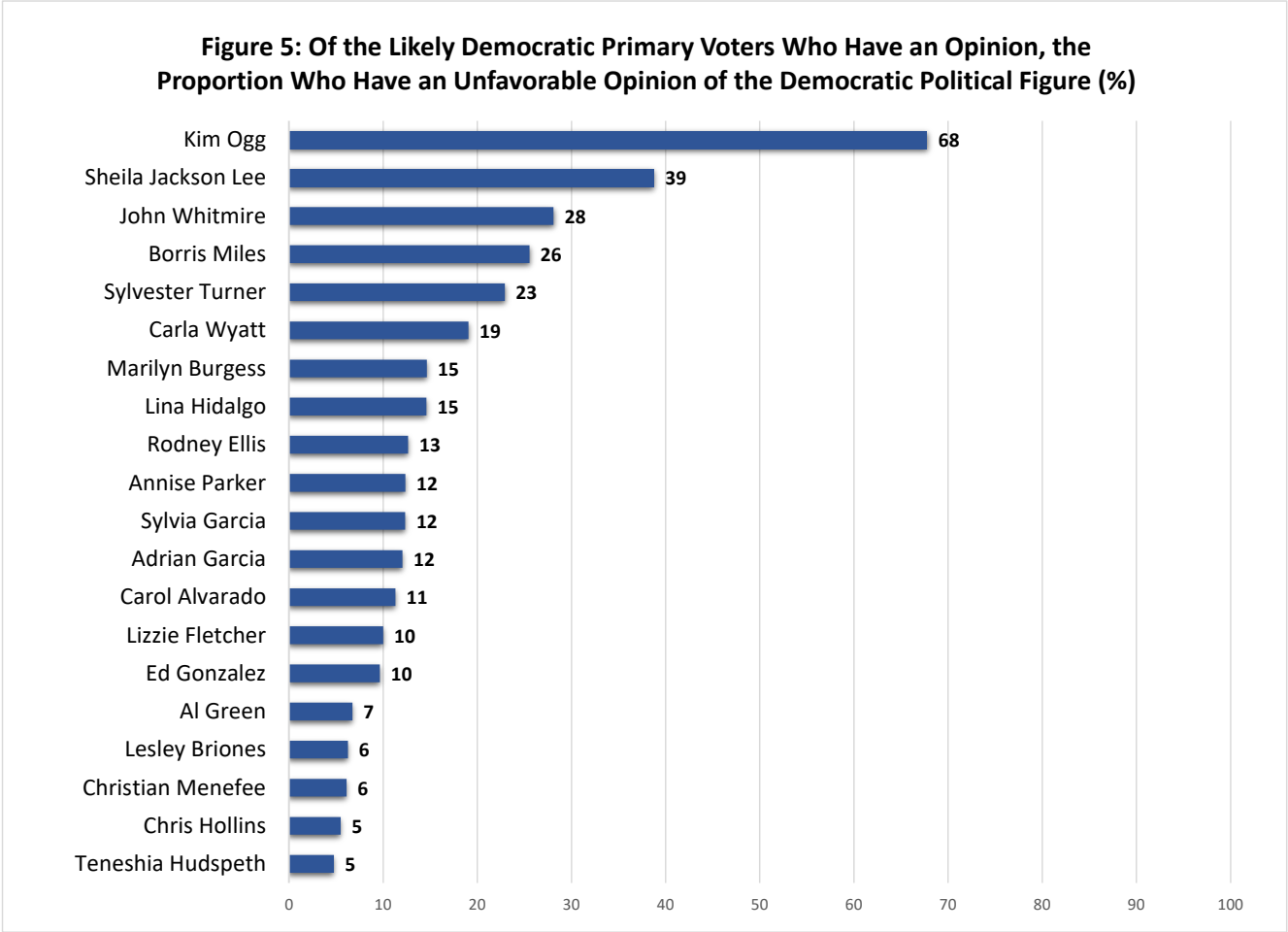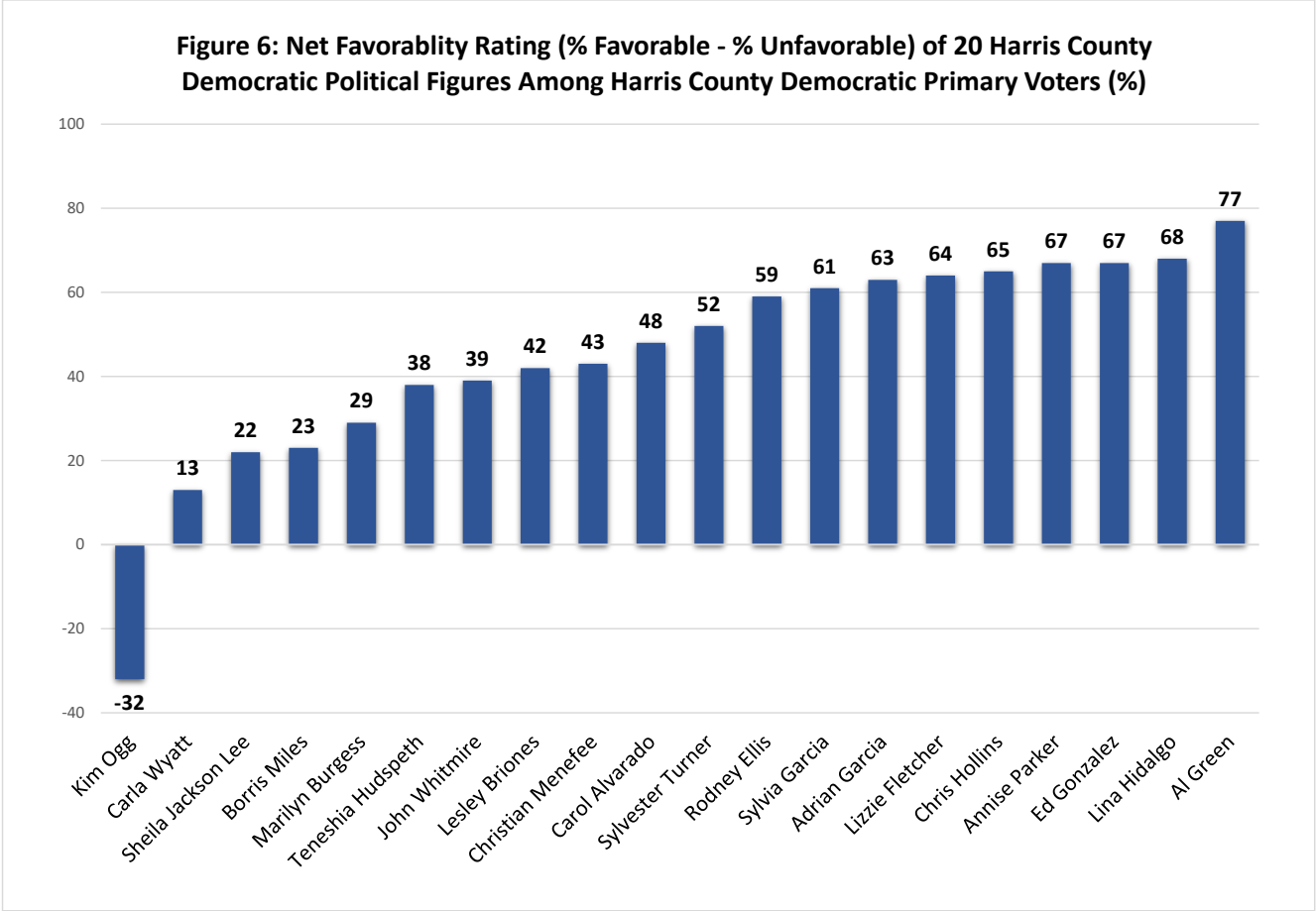| Political Figure	Unfavorable (%)
Kim Ogg	68
Sheila Jackson Lee	39
John Whitmire	28
Borris Miles	26
Sylvester Turner	23
Carla Wyatt	19
Marilyn Burgess	15
Lina Hidalgo	15
Rodney Ellis	13
Annise Parker	12
Sylvia Garcia	12
Adrian Garcia	12
Carol Alvarado	11
Lizzie Fletcher	10
Ed Gonzalez	10
Al Green	7
Lesley Briones	6
Christian Menefee	6
Chris Hollins	5
Teneshia Hudspeth	5

Table 1 summarizes the information contained in Figures 1, 2 and 4, as well as provides detailed information about the proportion of likely Democratic primary voters with a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable and very unfavorable evaluation of the 20 political figures.

Table 1: Favorable & Unfavorable Evaluations of 20 Harris County Democratic Political Figures Among 2024 Democratic Primary Voters (%)

Political Figures	Very Favorable	Somewhat Favorable	Somewhat Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Don't Know Enough
Al Green	53	30	4	2	11
Lina Hidalgo	58	24	8	6	4
Annise Parker	47	31	7	4	11
Ed Gonzalez	35	40	6	2	17
Sylvester Turner	36	38	14	8	4
Adrian Garcia	35	38	7	3	17
Lizzie Fletcher	47	25	4	4	20
Sylvia Garcia	35	36	7	3	19
Chris Hollins	51	18	3	1	27
Rodney Ellis	39	30	6	4	21
John Whitmire	24	40	16	9	11
Sheila Jackson Lee	29	31	21	17	2
Carol Alvarado	28	27	5	2	38
Christian Menefee	26	21	2	1	50
Lesley Briones	23	22	2	1	52
Teneshia Hudspeth	21	19	1	1	58
Borris Miles	16	19	8	4	53
Marilyn Burgess	13	22	4	2	59
Kim Ogg	9	20	25	36	10
Carla Wyatt	5	12	2	2	79

Of note, more than one half of likely Democratic primary voters have a very favorable opinion of three political figures: Hidalgo (58%), Green (53%) and Hollins (51%). Only two political figures receive a very unfavorable evaluation from more than one tenth of the likely voters: Ogg (36%) and Jackson Lee (17%).

Figure 6 provides the net favorability rating of each one of the 20 political figures. It is calculated by subtracting the proportion of likely voters with an unfavorable evaluation of a political figure from the proportion with a favorable evaluation (percentage favorable minus percentage unfavorable). The four political figures with the highest net favorability ratings are Green (77%), Hidalgo (68%), Gonzalez (67%) and Parker (67%). The four political figures with the lowest net favorability ratings are Ogg (-32%), Wyatt (13%), Jackson Lee (22%) and Miles (23%).

Figure 6: Net Favorablity Rating (% Favorable - % Unfavorable) of 20 Harris County Democratic Political Figures Among Harris County Democratic Primary Voters (%)

Ethnicity/Race and Favorable & Unfavorable Evaluations

Tables 2, 3 and 4 provide the proportion of likely Harris County Democratic primary voters who have a favorable evaluation, an unfavorable evaluation, or don't know enough about the 20 Harris County Democratic political figures to have an opinion broken down by ethnicity/race for Harris County's three largest ethnic/racial groups (white, Black, Latino).

Table 2 reveals that the three political figures with the largest proportion of white Democratic primary voters with a favorable evaluation of them are Parker (83%), Hidalgo (82%) and Fletcher (81%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of Black Democratic primary voters with a favorable evaluation of them are Green (92%), Hidalgo (84%) and Turner (84%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of Latino Democratic primary voters with a favorable evaluation of them are Gonzalez (82%), Hidalgo (81%) and Green (80%). Of note, Hidalgo is the only political figure who ranks among the top three for all three ethnic/racial groups.

Table 2: Ethnicity/Race & Favorable Evaluations of 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	White	Black	Latino
Al Green	79 (45)	92 (71)	80 (45)
Lina Hidalgo	82 (55)	84 (62)	81 (58)
Annise Parker	83 (56)	71 (38)	76 (39)
Ed Gonzalez	77 (39)	69 (39)	82 (39)
Sylvester Turner	72 (29)	84 (56)	66 (26)
Adrian Garcia	72 (28)	77 (39)	75 (45)
Lizzie Fletcher	81 (59)	57 (30)	72 (43)
Sylvia Garcia	71 (37)	71 (28)	76 (45)
Rodney Ellis	68 (32)	77 (55)	60 (28)
Chris Hollins	67 (47)	76 (62)	59 (39)
John Whitmire	67 (25)	59 (21)	67 (26)
Sheila Jackson Lee	55 (23)	71 (43)	57 (22)
Carol Alvarado	52 (28)	53 (20)	66 (39)
Christian Menefee	35 (26)	51 (30)	35 (19)
Lesley Briones	46 (24)	37 (17)	56 (31)
Teneshia Hudspeth	34 (18)	51 (33)	39 (13)
Borris Miles	10 (7)	60 (33)	32 (12)
Marilyn Burgess	33 (13)	38 (13)	36 (14)
Kim Ogg	28 (8)	32 (10)	27 (9)
Carla Wyatt	11 (3)	27 (7)	16 (5)

Note: Very Favorable in parentheses.

Table 2 also underscores that in several instances the proportion of likely Harris County Democratic primary voters with a favorable opinion of a political figure varies significantly depending on the ethnicity/race of the primary voter.

Significantly more Black than white likely voters have a favorable evaluation of Miles (60% vs. 10%), Hudspeth (51% vs. 34%), Menefee (51% vs. 35%), Jackson Lee (71% vs. 55%), Green (92% vs. 79%), and Turner (84% vs. 72%).

Significantly more Black than Latino likely voters have a favorable evaluation of Miles (60% vs. 32%), Turner (84% vs. 66%), Ellis (77% vs. 60%), Hollins (76% vs. 59%), Menefee (51% vs. 35%), and Jackson Lee (71% vs. 57%).

Significantly more white than Black likely voters have a favorable evaluation of Fletcher (81% vs. 57%) and Parker (83% vs. 71%).

There are no instances where significantly more white than Latino likely voters have a favorable evaluation of a political figure,

Significantly more Latino than Black likely voters have a favorable evaluation of Briones (56% vs. 37%), Fletcher (72% vs. 57%), Gonzalez (82% vs. 69%), and Alvarado (66% vs. 53%).

Significantly more Latino than white likely voters have a favorable evaluation of Alvarado (66% vs. 52%).

Table 3 reveals that the three political figures with the largest proportion of white Democratic primary voters with an unfavorable evaluation of them are Ogg (65%), Jackson Lee (33%) and Whitmire and Turner (tied at 25%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of Black Democratic primary voters with an unfavorable evaluation of them Ogg (56%), Jackson Lee (28%) and Whitmire (26%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of Latino Democratic primary voters with an unfavorable evaluation of them are Ogg (60%), Jackson Lee (39%) and Turner (32%).

Table 3: Ethnicity/Race & Unfavorable Evaluations of 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	White	Black	Latino
Kim Ogg	65 (36)	56 (35)	60 (34)
Sheila Jackson Lee	33 (18)	28 (13)	39 (18)
John Whitmire	25 (7)	26 (11)	23 (12)
Sylvester Turner	25 (8)	11 (3)	32 (18)
Lina Hidalgo	15 (6)	10 (4)	15 (9)
Borris Miles	10 (3)	12 (3)	17 (8)
Annise Parker	7 (2)	14 (5)	15 (6)
Rodney Ellis	9 (3)	7 (2)	16 (9)
Adrian Garcia	8 (3)	10 (2)	11 (3)
Sylvia Garcia	7 (1)	12 (3)	12 (9)
Ed Gonzalez	7 (1)	11 (3)	6 (3)
Lizzie Fletcher	6 (3)	9 (4)	11 (6)
Carol Alvarado	4 (1)	9 (2)	10 (5)
Marilyn Burgess	5 (2)	6 (3)	7 (2)
Al Green	7 (2)	3 (2)	10 (4)
Chris Hollins	3 (1)	4 (1)	8 (3)
Carla Wyatt	3 (2)	3 (1)	9 (2)
Lesley Briones	2 (1)	3 (1)	6 (2)
Christian Menefee	2 (1)	4 (1)	4 (1)
Teneshia Hudspeth	2 (1)	1 (1)	4 (1)

Note: Very Unfavorable in parentheses.

Table 3 also underscores that in only a couple of instances does the proportion of likely Harris County Democratic primary voters with an unfavorable opinion of a political figure vary significantly depending on the ethnicity/race of the primary voter. Latino (32%) and white (25%) likely voters have a significantly higher unfavorable evaluation of Turner than do Black likely voters (11%).

Table 4 reveals that the three political figures with the highest proportion of white likely Democratic primary voters who do not know enough about them to have an opinion are Wyatt (86%), Miles (70%) and Hudspeth (64%). The three political figures with the highest proportion of Black likely Democratic primary voters who do not know enough about them to have an opinion are Wyatt (70%), Briones (60%) and Burgess (56%). The three political figures with the highest proportion of Latino likely Democratic primary voters who do not know enough about them to have an opinion are Wyatt (75%), Burgess (57%) and Hudspeth (57%).

Table 4: Ethnicity/Race & Not Enough Knowledge to Evaluate 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	White	Black	Latino
Carla Wyatt	86	70	75
Marilyn Burgess	62	56	57
Teneshia Hudspeth	64	48	57
Borris Miles	70	28	51
Lesley Briones	52	60	38
Christian Menefee	53	45	51
Carol Alvarado	44	38	24
Chris Hollins	30	20	33
Rodney Ellis	22	16	24
Lizzie Fletcher	13	34	17
Sylvia Garcia	22	17	12
Adrian Garcia	20	13	14
Ed Gonzalez	16	20	12
John Whitmire	8	15	10
Annise Parker	10	15	9
Al Green	14	5	10
Kim Ogg	7	12	13
Sylvester Turner	3	5	2
Lina Hidalgo	3	6	4
Sheila Jackson Lee	2	1	4

Table 4 also underscores that in a few instances the proportion of likely Harris County Democratic primary voters who did not know enough about a political figure to have an opinion of them varies significantly by ethnicity/race.

Significantly more white than Black likely voters do not know enough about Miles (70% vs. 28%), Wyatt (86% vs. 70%) and Hudspeth (64% vs. 48%) to have an opinion of them.

Significantly more white than Latino likely voters do not know enough about Miles (70% vs. 51%), Alvarado (44% vs. 24%), Briones (52% vs. 38%), and Wyatt (86% vs. 75%) to have an opinion of them.

Significantly more Black than white likely voters do not know enough about Fletcher (34% vs. 13%) to have an opinion of her.

Significantly more Black than Latino likely voters do not know enough about Fletcher (34% vs. 17%) and Alvarado (38% vs. 24%) to have an opinion of them.

Significantly more Latino than Black likely voters do not know enough about Miles (51% vs. 28%) to have an opinion of him.

Gender and Favorable & Unfavorable Evaluations

Tables 5, 6 and 7 provide the proportion of likely Harris County Democratic primary voters who have a favorable evaluation, an unfavorable evaluation, or don't know enough about the 20 Harris County Democratic political figures to have an opinion broken down by gender (women, men).

Table 5: Gender & Favorable Evaluations of 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	Women	Men
Al Green	84 (57)	82 (49)
Lina Hidalgo	85 (60)	79 (57)
Annise Parker	78 (49)	78 (46)
Ed Gonzalez	75 (36)	75 (35)
Sylvester Turner	76 (40)	72 (32)
Adrian Garcia	74 (34)	73 (36)
Lizzie Fletcher	72 (49)	72 (45)
Sylvia Garcia	72 (36)	70 (35)
Rodney Ellis	70 (40)	68 (38)
Chris Hollins	68 (52)	69 (49)
John Whitmire	63 (24)	66 (24)
Sheila Jackson Lee	64 (32)	55 (26)
Carol Alvarado	55 (27)	55 (28)
Christian Menefee	45 (26)	50 (26)
Lesley Briones	43 (21)	48 (25)
Teneshia Hudspeth	31 (24)	39 (18)
Borris Miles	36 (17)	33 (14)
Marilyn Burgess	33 (13)	37 (14)
Kim Ogg	30 (9)	28 (9)
Carla Wyatt	16 (5)	19 (5)

Note: Very Favorable in parentheses.

Table 5 reveals that the three political figures with the largest proportion of women likely Democratic primary voters who have a favorable opinion of them are Hidalgo (85%), Green (84%) and Parker (78%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of men who have a favorable opinion of them are Green (82%), Hidalgo (79%) and Parker (78%).

There do not exist any significant differences in the proportion of women and the proportion of men with a favorable opinion of the 20 political figures, underscoring the comparatively limited differential

impact of gender on candidate evaluations, a sharp contrast to the myriad ethnic/racial differences which were present in the prior section (see Tables 2, 3 and 4).

Table 6 reveals that the three political figures with the largest proportion of women likely Democratic primary voters who have an unfavorable opinion of them are Ogg (59%), Jackson Lee (33%) and Whitmire (24%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of men who have an unfavorable opinion of them are the same three, in the same order: Ogg (63%), Jackson Lee (44%) and Whitmire (26%).

Table 6: Gender & Unfavorable Evaluations of 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	Women	Men
Kim Ogg	59 (33)	63 (38)
Sheila Jackson Lee	33 (13)	44 (21)
John Whitmire	24 (8)	26 (9)
Sylvester Turner	20 (6)	25 (13)
Lina Hidalgo	12 (5)	16 (7)
Borris Miles	10 (4)	14 (4)
Annise Parker	10 (3)	11 (4)
Rodney Ellis	8 (3)	12 (5)
Adrian Garcia	9 (2)	10 (4)
Sylvia Garcia	8 (2)	12 94)
Ed Gonzalez	7 (1)	8 (3)
Lizzie Fletcher	7 (3)	9 (4)
Carol Alvarado	5 (1)	10 (3)
Marilyn Burgess	5 (1)	7 (3)
Al Green	4 (1)	9 (3)
Chris Hollins	3 (1)	5 (2)
Carla Wyatt	3 (1)	5 (2)
Lesley Briones	2 (1)	5 (2)
Christian Menefee	3 (1)	4 (1)
Teneshia Hudspeth	1 (1)	4 (2)

Note: Very Unfavorable in parentheses.

With one exception, there do not exist any significant differences in the proportion of women and the proportion of men with an unfavorable opinion of the 20 political figures. The one exception is for Jackson Lee, with significantly more men (44%) than women (33%) having an unfavorable opinion of her.

Table 7 reveals that the three political figures with the highest proportion of women likely Democratic primary voters who do not know enough about them to have an opinion are Wyatt (81%), Burgess (62%) and Hudspeth (58%). The three political figures with the highest proportion of men who do not know enough about them to have an opinion also are Wyatt (76%), Hudspeth (57%) and Burgess (56%).

Table 7: Gender & Not Enough Knowledge to Evaluation 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	Women	Men
Carla Wyatt	81	76
Marilyn Burgess	62	56
Teneshia Hudspeth	58	57
Borris Miles	54	53
Lesley Briones	55	47
Christian Menefee	52	46
Carol Alvarado	40	35
Chris Hollins	29	26
Rodney Ellis	22	20
Lizzie Fletcher	21	19
Sylvia Garcia	20	18
Adrian Garcia	17	17
Ed Gonzalez	18	17
John Whitmire	13	8
Annise Parker	12	11
Al Green	12	9
Kim Ogg	11	9
Sylvester Turner	4	3
Lina Hidalgo	3	5
Sheila Jackson Lee	3	1

There do not exist any significant differences in the proportion of women and the proportion of men who do not know enough about the political figures to have an opinion.

Age and Favorable & Unfavorable Evaluations

Tables 8, 9 and 10 provide the proportion of likely Harris County Democratic primary voters who have a favorable evaluation, an unfavorable evaluation, or don't know enough about the 20 Harris County Democratic political figures to have an opinion broken down by age cohort (18 to 44, 45 to 64, and 65 and older).

Table 8 reveals that the three political figures with the largest proportion of the youngest cohort (ages 18 to 44) of likely Democratic primary voters who have a favorable opinion of them are Green (73%), Hidalgo (73%) and Parker (72%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of the members of the middle-aged cohort (ages 45 to 64) who have a favorable opinion of them are Hidalgo (85%), Green (83%) and Parker (81%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of the oldest cohort (age 65 and older) who have a favorable opinion of them are Green (92%), Hidalgo (88%) and Gonzalez (83%).

Table 8: Age & Favorable Evaluations of 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	18 to 44	45-64	65+
Al Green	73 (42)	83 (53)	92 (62)
Lina Hidalgo	73 (45)	85 (60)	88 (67)
Annise Parker	72 (37)	81 (51)	79 (51)
Ed Gonzalez	65 (24)	75 (37)	83 (43)
Sylvester Turner	65 (25)	79 (41)	77 (41)
Adrian Garcia	62 (26)	75 (35)	82 (42)
Lizzie Fletcher	64 (40)	75 (51)	75 (45)
Sylvia Garcia	58 (24)	73 (36)	80 (44)
Rodney Ellis	49 (25)	73 (39)	81 (49)
Chris Hollins	69 (44)	70 (51)	74 (54)
John Whitmire	44 (12)	64 (24)	81 (34)
Sheila Jackson Lee	48 (19)	62 (31)	69 (36)
Carol Alvarado	39 (17)	54 (27)	67 (36)
Christian Menefee	46 (29)	48 (26)	47 (24)
Lesley Briones	47 (27)	45 (23)	43 (20)
Teneshia Hudspeth	40 (22)	41 (23)	38 (18)
Borris Miles	25 (12)	36 (17)	42 (18)
Marilyn Burgess	38 (13)	37 (15)	30 (12)
Kim Ogg	19 (5)	30 (10)	37 (11)
Carla Wyatt	17 (5)	17 (6)	17 (4)

Note: Very Favorable in parentheses.

Table 8 also underscores that in several instances the proportion of likely Harris County Democratic primary voters with a favorable opinion of a political figure varies significantly depending on the age cohort of the primary voter.

Likely voters in the oldest cohort (65 and older) are significantly more likely than likely voters in the youngest cohort (18 to 44) to have a favorable opinion of 14 of the 20 political figures, with the six exceptions being Hollins, Menefee, Briones, Hudspeth, Burgess and Wyatt.

Likely voters in the oldest cohort (65 and older) are significantly more likely than members of the middle-aged cohort (45 to 64) to have a favorable opinion of a political figure for only two individuals: Whitmire (81% vs. 64%) and Alvarado (67% vs. 54%).

Likely voters in the middle-aged cohort (45 to 64) are significantly more likely than likely voters in the youngest cohort (18 to 44) to have a favorable opinion of Ellis (73% vs. 49%), Whitmire (64% vs. 44%), S. Garcia (73% vs. 58%), Alvarado (54% vs. 39%), Turner (79% vs. 65%), and Jackson Lee (62% vs. 48%).

Table 9 reveals that the three political figures with the largest proportion of the youngest cohort (ages 18 to 44) of likely Democratic primary voters who have an unfavorable opinion of them are Ogg (63%), Jackson Lee (47%) and Whitmire (41%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of the members of the middle-aged cohort (ages 45 to 64) who have an unfavorable opinion of them are Ogg (61%), Jackson Lee (37%) and Whitmire (25%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of the oldest cohort (age 65 and older) who have an unfavorable opinion of them are Ogg (58%), Jackson Lee (30%) and Turner (21%).

Table 9: Age & Unfavorable Evaluations of 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	18 to 44	45-64	65+
Kim Ogg	63 (41)	61 (34)	58 (33)
Sheila Jackson Lee	47 (21)	37 (16)	30 (14)
John Whitmire	41 (19)	25 (8)	12 (3)
Sylvester Turner	27 (10)	18 (7)	21 (8)
Lina Hidalgo	20 (9)	13 (5)	9 (4)
Borris Miles	16 (6)	12 (5)	9 (3)
Annise Parker	12 (4)	9 (4)	12 (4)
Rodney Ellis	11 (5)	10 (3)	9 (4)
Adrian Garcia	10 (4)	10 (2)	8 (2)
Sylvia Garcia	14 (5)	8 (1)	8 (3)
Ed Gonzalez	12 (4)	10 (2)	3 (1)
Lizzie Fletcher	11 (5)	6 (3)	7 (3)
Carol Alvarado	7 (3)	7 (1)	8 (3)
Marilyn Burgess	9 (4)	6 (2)	4 (2)
Al Green	8 (4)	7 (2)	4 (1)
Chris Hollins	7 (2)	3 (2)	3 (0)
Carla Wyatt	5 (2)	4 (2)	3 (1)
Lesley Briones	4 (3)	4 (2)	3 (1)
Christian Menefee	4 (2)	3 (2)	3 (1)
Teneshia Hudspeth	3 (1)	2 (1)	2 (1)

Note: Very Unfavorable in parentheses.

Likely voters in the youngest cohort (18 to 44) are significantly more likely than voters in the oldest cohort (65 and older) to have an unfavorable opinion of Whitmire (41% vs. 12%).

Likely voters in the youngest cohort (18 to 44) are significantly more likely than voter in the middle-aged cohort to have an unfavorable opinion of Whitmire (41% vs. 25%).

Table 10 reveals the three political figures with the largest proportion of the youngest cohort (ages 18 to 44) of likely Democratic primary voters who do not know enough about them to have an opinion are Wyatt (78%), Hudspeth (57%) and Burgess (53%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of the middle-aged cohort (45 to 64) of likely Democratic primary voters who do not know enough about them to have an opinion are Wyatt (79%), Burgess (57%) and Hudspeth (57%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of the oldest cohort (65 and older) of likely Democratic primary voters who do not know enough about them to have an opinion are Wyatt (80%), Burgess (66%) and Hudspeth (60%).

Table 10: Age & Not Enough Knowledge to Evaluate 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	18 to 44	45-64	65+
Carla Wyatt	78	79	80
Marilyn Burgess	53	57	66
Teneshia Hudspeth	57	57	60
Borris Miles	59	52	49
Lesley Briones	49	51	54
Christian Menefee	51	49	50
Carol Alvarado	54	39	25
Chris Hollins	34	27	23
Rodney Ellis	40	17	10
Lizzie Fletcher	25	19	18
Sylvia Garcia	28	19	12
Adrian Garcia	28	15	10
Ed Gonzalez	23	15	14
John Whitmire	15	11	7
Annise Parker	17	10	9
Al Green	19	10	4
Kim Ogg	18	9	5
Sylvester Turner	8	3	2
Lina Hidalgo	7	2	3
Sheila Jackson Lee	5	1	1

Likely voters in the youngest cohort (18 to 44) are significantly more likely to not have an opinion about a political figure than members of the oldest cohort (65 and older) for six political figures: Ellis (40% vs. 10%), Alvarado (54% vs. 25%), A. Garcia (28% vs. 10%), and S. Garcia (28% vs. 12%).

Likely voters in the youngest cohort (18 to 44) are significantly more likely to not have an opinion about a political figure than members of the middle-aged cohort (45 to 64) for two political figures: Ellis (40% vs. 17%) and Alvarado (54% vs. 39%).

There are no instances where likely voters in the middle-aged cohort (45 to 64) are significantly more likely to not have an opinion about a political figure than likely voters in the oldest cohort (65 and older). There also do not exist any examples of cases where members of the oldest cohort (65 and older) are significantly more likely to not have an opinion than members of the middle-aged (45 to 64) or youngest cohorts (18 to 44) or where members of the middle-aged cohort (45 to 64) are significantly more likely to not have an opinion of a political figure than members of the youngest cohort (18 to 44).

Partisan ID and Favorable & Unfavorable Evaluations

Tables 11, 12 and 13 provide the proportion of likely Harris County Democratic primary voters who have a favorable evaluation, an unfavorable evaluation, or don't know enough about the 20 Harris County Democratic political figures to have an opinion broken down by partisan identification (Democrat, Independent).

Table 11: Partisan ID & Favorable Evaluations of 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	Democrat	Independent
Al Green	86 (57)	75 (35)
Lina Hidalgo	86 (62)	71 (44)
Annise Parker	80 (51)	70 (35)
Ed Gonzalez	77 (38)	71 (29)
Sylvester Turner	78 (40)	63 (25)
Adrian Garcia	76 (38)	67 (24)
Lizzie Fletcher	74 (50)	65 (38)
Sylvia Garcia	74 (39)	63 (24)
Rodney Ellis	72 (42)	57 (24)
Chris Hollins	71 (54)	59 (37)
John Whitmire	65 (24)	68 (27)
Sheila Jackson Lee	64 (32)	44 (17)
Carol Alvarado	57 (29)	47 (23)
Christian Menefee	49 (28)	44 (18)
Lesley Briones	48 (26)	39 (14)
Teneshia Hudspeth	42 (22)	34 (18)
Borris Miles	37 (17)	28 (12)
Marilyn Burgess	37 (15)	29 (8)
Kim Ogg	29 (9)	35 (10)
Carla Wyatt	18 (5)	14 (5)

Note: Very Favorable in parentheses.

Table 11 reveals that the three political figures with the largest proportion of likely Democratic primary voters who self-identify as Democrats who have a favorable opinion of them are Green (86%), Hidalgo (86%) and Parker (80%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of likely Democratic primary voters who self-identify as Independents who have a favorable opinion of them are Green (75%), Hidalgo (71%) and Gonzalez (71%).

Likely Democratic primary voters who self-identify as Democrats are significantly more likely than those who identify as Independents to have a favorable opinion of four of the 20 political figures: Jackson Lee (64% vs. 44%), Hidalgo (86% vs. 71%), Turner (78% vs. 63%), and Ellis (72% vs. 57%). There are no political figures who have a significantly greater proportion of Independent than Democrat likely primary voters who have a favorable opinion of them.

Table 12 reveals that the three political figures with the largest proportion of likely Democratic primary voters who self-identify as Democrats who have an unfavorable opinion of them are Ogg (62%), Jackson Lee (34%) and Whitmire (26%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of likely Democratic primary voters who self-identify as Independents who have an unfavorable opinion of them are Ogg (53%), Jackson Lee (52%) and Turner (31%).

Table 12: Partisan ID & Unfavorable Evaluations of 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)

Political Figure	Democrat	Independent
Kim Ogg	62 (36)	53 (28)
Sheila Jackson Lee	34 (13)	52 (30)
John Whitmire	26 (9)	17 (7)
Sylvester Turner	19 (6)	31 (15)
Lina Hidalgo	11 (4)	26 (14)
Borris Miles	11 (4)	15 (4)
Annise Parker	9 (3)	14 (5)
Rodney Ellis	8 (3)	19 (8)
Adrian Garcia	8 (2)	14 (5)
Sylvia Garcia	9 (3)	12 (2)
Ed Gonzalez	7 (1)	9 (3)
Lizzie Fletcher	7 (3)	11 (7)
Carol Alvarado	6 (2)	11 (2)
Marilyn Burgess	5 (2)	7 (3)
Al Green	4 (1)	14 (6)
Chris Hollins	3 (1)	8 (2)
Carla Wyatt	3 (1)	5 (3)
Lesley Briones	2 (1)	4 (1)
Christian Menefee	3 (1)	2 (1)
Teneshia Hudspeth	2 (1)	2 (1)

Note: Very Unfavorable in parentheses.

In no case do significantly more likely Democratic primary voters who self-identify as Democrats than those who self-identify as Independents have an unfavorable opinion of a political figure. Significantly more self-identified Independent voters participating in the Democratic primary election than Democratic primary voters who self-identify as Democrat have an unfavorable opinion of Jackson Lee (52% vs. 34%).

Table 13 reveals that the three political figures with the largest proportion of likely Democratic primary voters who self-identify as Democrats who do not know enough about them to have an opinion are Wyatt (79%), Burgess (58%) and Hudspeth (56%). The three political figures with the largest proportion of likely Democratic primary voters who self-identify as Independents who do not know enough about them to have an opinion also are Wyatt (81%), Burgess (64%) and Hudspeth (64%).

Table 13: Partisan ID & Not Enough Knowledge to Evaluate 20 Democratic Political Figures (%)
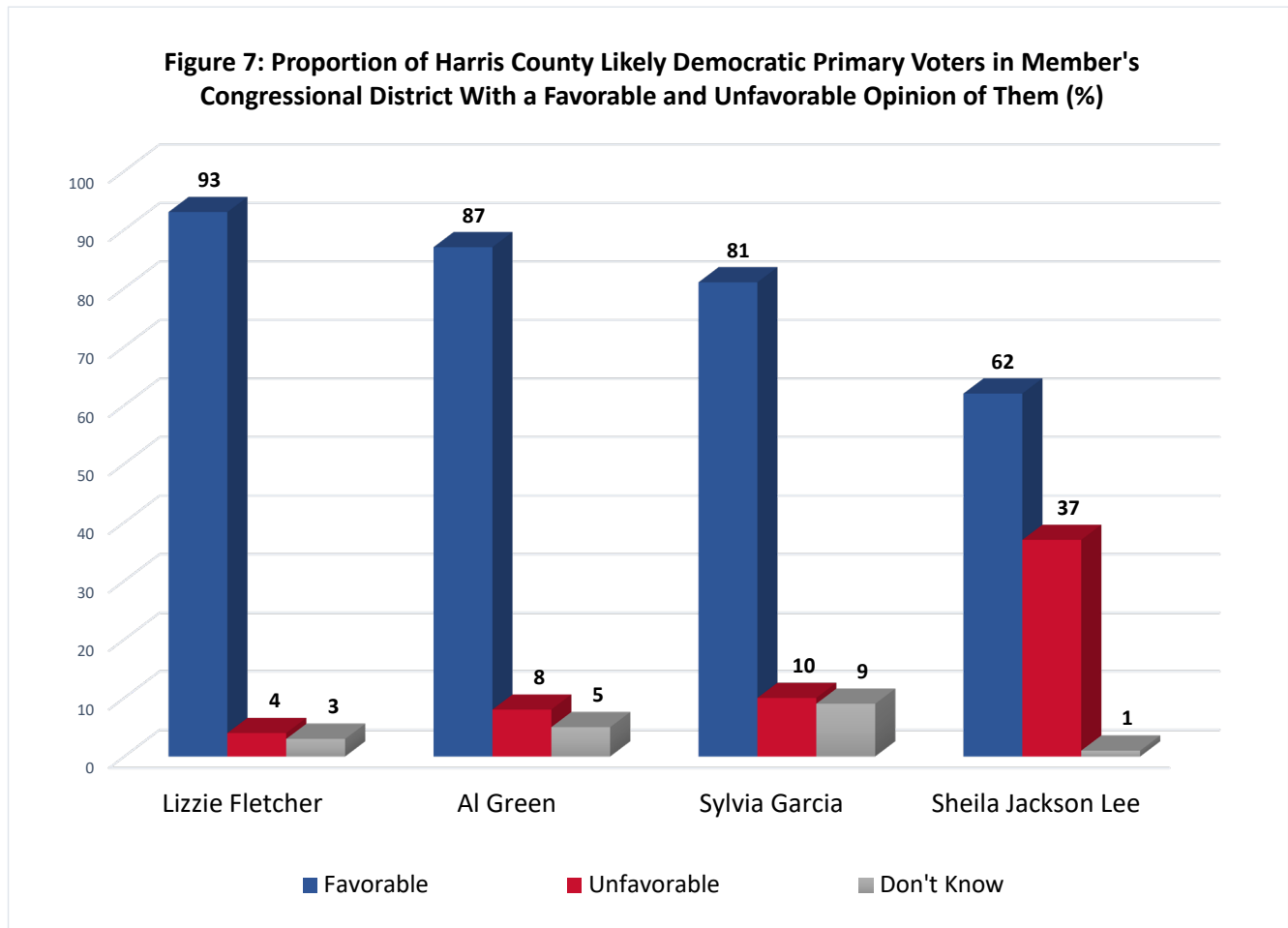
Political Figure	Democrat	Independent
Carla Wyatt	79	81
Marilyn Burgess	58	64
Teneshia Hudspeth	56	64
Borris Miles	52	57
Lesley Briones	50	57
Christian Menefee	48	54
Carol Alvarado	37	42
Chris Hollins	26	33
Rodney Ellis	20	24
Lizzie Fletcher	19	24
Sylvia Garcia	17	25
Adrian Garcia	16	19
Ed Gonzalez	16	20
John Whitmire	9	15
Annise Parker	11	16
Al Green	10	11
Kim Ogg	9	12
Sylvester Turner	3	6
Lina Hidalgo	3	3
Sheila Jackson Lee	2	4

There do not exist any significant differences between the proportion of likely Democratic primary voters who self-identify as Democrats and the proportion who self-identify as Independents who do not know enough about a political figure to have an opinion.

Favorable & Unfavorable Evaluations of the 4 U.S. House Members in Their Districts

Four of the 20 political figures previously examined are members of the U.S. House of Representatives whose districts are located solely (S. Garcia, Jackson Lee) or partially (Fletcher and Green) in Harris County. Figure 7 provides the proportion of likely Democratic primary voters residing in the respective congressional districts of these four U.S. House members (Harris County portion only) who have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of their member of Congress, along with the proportion of likely voters who did not know enough about their representative to have an opinion.

Figure 7: Proportion of Harris County Likely Democratic Primary Voters in Member's Congressional District With a Favorable and Unfavorable Opinion of Them (%)

More than nine out of ten (93%) of Fletcher's Harris County constituents who are likely to vote in the March 2024 Democratic primary election have a favorable opinion of her, while only 4% have an unfavorable opinion and 3% don't know enough about her to have an opinion.

Almost nine out of ten (87%) of Green's Harris County constituents who are likely to vote in the March 2024 Democratic primary election have a favorable opinion of him, while only 8% have an unfavorable opinion and 5% don't know enough about him to have an opinion.

More than eight out of ten (81%) of Garcia's constituents who are likely to vote in the March 2024 Democratic primary election have a favorable opinion of her, while only 10% have an unfavorable opinion and 9% don't know enough about her to have an opinion.

Jackson Lee represents an outlier among these four U.S. House members, with a significantly smaller proportion of her constituents having a favorable opinion of her (62% vs. 81%, 87% and 93%) and a significantly larger proportion of her constituents having an unfavorable opinion of her (37% vs. 10%, 8% and 4%). Only 1% of Jackson Lee's constituents do not know enough about her to have either a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Congresswoman.

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