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**DEAD HEAT IN FLORIDA GOVERNOR'S RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
RUBIO TOPS CRIST BY 14 POINTS IN SENATE RACE**

The race to be Florida's governor is a dead heat on the eve of the election, with Democrat Alex Sink, the state's chief financial officer, getting 44 percent of likely voters and Republican Rick Scott at 43 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

Former state House Speaker Marco Rubio, the Republican, has a wide lead in the race for the U.S. Senate with 45 percent of the vote, while Gov. Charlie Crist, running as an independent, gets 31 percent and Democratic U.S. Rep. Kendrick Meek receives 18 percent, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University survey, conducted by live interviewers and concluding Sunday night, finds.

"Marco Rubio is comfortably ahead in the race to be Florida's next U.S. senator. But the governor's race is a different story. It is a dead heat and either candidate could be the state's next governor," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute.

In the three-way Senate race, Rubio's victory is built upon 79 percent support from Republicans and 42 percent of independent voters, along with 7 percent of Democrats. Crist gets 17 percent of Republicans, 47 percent of Democrats and 35 percent of independent voters. Meek wins 42 percent of Democrats, 13 percent of independent voters and 2 percent of Republicans.

"Rubio's center-right coalition is more than large enough to win given the three-way race," said Brown. "Gov. Crist, elected four years ago as a Republican, gets only 17 percent of the GOP vote and doesn't come close to the 50 percent of the independent vote he needs to win.

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In the governor's race, Scott wins Republicans 81 – 10 percent while Sink is ahead 83 – 5 percent among Democrats and 47 – 34 percent among independent voters.

Men and women are evenly divided with men at 43 percent for Sink and 42 percent for Scott and women at 44 percent for Sink and 43 percent for Scott.

“In the governor's race, the victor will be whoever wins a majority of the 9 percent of likely voters who remain undecided at this late date,” said Brown.

“Interestingly, there is no gender gap in the electorate, even though Ms. Sink would be Florida's first woman governor.”

Sink is better thought of by likely voters, with a 43 – 40 percent favorable rating, while Scott gets a negative 39 – 50 percent rating.

From October 25 – 31, Quinnipiac University surveyed 925 Florida likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.2 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio and the nation as a public service and for research.

For more data or RSS feed – <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/polling.xml>, or call (203) 582-5201.

1. If the election for governor were being held today, and the candidates were Alex Sink the Democrat and Rick Scott the Republican, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Sink or Scott? (This table includes Leaners)

	LIKELY VOTERS (Includes Early Voters).....						WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Sink	44%	10%	83%	47%	43%	44%	16%
Scott	43	81	5	34	42	43	71
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	4	4	3	7	6	3	6
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	9	5	8	12	8	10	8

1a. Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....			CAND CHOICE Q1
	Tot	AS	RS	
Made up	95%	94%	95%	
Might change	5	6	4	
DK/NA	-	-	-	

2. Is your opinion of - Alex Sink favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	LIKELY VOTERS (Includes Early Voters).....						WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Favorable	43%	15%	78%	46%	42%	44%	14%
Unfavorable	40	64	11	40	44	36	64
Hvn't hrd enough	13	17	9	12	10	17	17
REFUSED	4	3	2	2	3	4	5

3. Is your opinion of - Rick Scott favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS (Includes Early Voters).....						WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Favorable	39%	68%	8%	34%	39%	39%	58%
Unfavorable	50	21	84	53	48	51	29
Hvn't hrd enough	8	7	5	11	9	7	9
REFUSED	4	4	3	2	4	3	4

4. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were Kendrick Meek the Democrat, Marco Rubio the Republican, and Charlie Crist running as an independent, for whom would you vote? (If undecided) If you had to choose today, would you vote for Meek, Rubio, or Crist? (This table includes Leaners)

	LIKELY VOTERS (Includes Early Voters).....						WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Meek	18%	2%	42%	13%	17%	20%	8%
Rubio	45	79	7	42	46	45	70
Crist	31	17	47	35	32	31	18
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	-	-	3	2	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DK/NA	4	1	4	6	3	4	3

4a. Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY VOTERS.....			CAND CHOICE Q4..
	Tot	KM	MR	CC
Made up	92%	84%	97%	90%
Might change	8	16	3	10
DK/NA	-	-	-	1

5. Is your opinion of - Kendrick Meek favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS (Includes Early Voters).....						WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Favorable	36%	16%	63%	36%	39%	33%	14%
Unfavorable	32	52	14	29	37	27	45
Hvn't hrd enough	28	27	21	33	21	34	38
REFUSED	4	5	2	2	3	5	3

6. Is your opinion of - Marco Rubio favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS (Includes Early Voters).....						WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Favorable	52%	81%	15%	54%	53%	51%	74%
Unfavorable	38	13	70	38	41	34	16
Hvn't hrd enough	9	6	13	7	5	13	8
REFUSED	2	-	2	2	1	2	1

7. Is your opinion of - Charlie Crist favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	LIKELY VOTERS (Includes Early Voters).....						WtBrnAgn
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Evnglcl
Favorable	42%	24%	62%	48%	40%	44%	24%
Unfavorable	50	68	32	49	55	46	66
Hvn't hrd enough	3	4	4	1	2	4	5
REFUSED	4	4	2	2	3	5	6