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Alloy distributed about 750 surveys to business clients throughout the region. We believe the latest survey's findings from its 61 responses allow us, along with area legislators, media, and the public, to further understand the mood of our business community. We will continue to conduct the survey on a quarterly basis so we thank you for your participation.

Here are the anonymous responses:

1) Do you believe unemployment benefits should be extended?

- **51% YES**
- **46% NO**
- **3% NO ANSWER**

2) Has the struggling economy forced you to postpone your retirement plans?

- **55% YES**
- **40% NO**
- **5% NO ANSWER**



3) Which government program has most benefited your business?

- **0% GOVERNMENT BAILOUTS**
- **18% STIMULUS PROGRAMS**
- **13% SUPPORT FOR BANKS**
- **62% NONE**
- **7% NO ANSWER**

4) Was the amount provided by the government stimulus:

- **56% GREATER THAN NEEDED**
- **10% JUST RIGHT**
- **16% LESS THAN NEEDED**
- **18% NO ANSWER**

5) Should the government provide another stimulus effort?

- **25% YES**
- **71% NO**
- **4% NO ANSWER**

6) Do you feel that the economic recovery efforts have stalled?

- **84% YES**
- **13% NO**
- **3% NO ANSWER**



7) Since the Health Care Act was enabled,

A. Have Health Care costs:

- **60% INCREASED**
- **31% NO CHANGE**
- **0% DECREASED**
- **9% NO ANSWER**

B. Has access to Health Care:

- **11% INCREASED**
- **46% NO CHANGE**
- **25% DECREASED**
- **18% NO ANSWER**



8) Is the local economy:

- **2% GETTING BETTER**
- **55% STABLE**
- **40% SLIPPING**
- **3% NO ANSWER**

9) Is your company:

- **7% GETTING BETTER**
- **51% STABLE**
- **37% SLIPPING**
- **5% NO ANSWER**



10) What is today's most important national issue?

- **58% JOBS**
- **22% THE DEFICIT**
- **11% TAXES**
- **8% IMPENDING INFLATION**
- **2% HEALTHCARE**
- **0% NO ANSWER**



11) What is today's most important local issue?

- **45% JOBS**
- **40% TAXES**
- **4% HEALTHCARE**
- **2% IMPENDING INFLATION**
- **0% THE DEFICIT**
- **9% NO ANSWER**