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**New FIU Metropolitan Center and Univision  
Poll Shows Ros-Lehtinen Holding Clear Lead  
Over Annette Tadeo in District 18.**

**Miami (October 6, 2008)** –Florida International University’s Metropolitan Center, in collaboration with Univision 23, are conducting three congressional district polls of districts 18, 21 and 25 as well as a statewide presidential poll that tracks voter intention for the coming November 2008 elections. The exclusive trilingual polls for Univision were conducted in English, Spanish and Creole in predominantly Hispanic districts in the state of Florida. 44% of those polled were polled in Spanish.

The survey results of Congressional District 18 released today show Republican incumbent Ileana Ros-Lehtinen with over a 20 point lead over Democratic contender Annette Tadeo. The poll results register 52% of voters favoring Ros-Lehtinen and 27% favoring Tadeo. Ros-Lehtinen holds a significant lead amongst Hispanic Women, both Cuban and non-Cuban Hispanics, and voters 34 years and older.

Amongst Hispanic Women Ros-Lehtinen leads with 73% of voters against Tadeo’s 15%. Ros-Lehtinen also shows a significant lead among Cubans with 75% of voter intention. Amongst voters 34 years or older she leads with 56% of voter intention. Ros-Lehtinen also holds a 15 point lead (49%) amongst non-Cuban Hispanics.

Annette Tadeo’s strengths are amongst Anglo voters and voters under 34 years of age. Tadeo has a 16 point lead over Ros-Lehtinen amongst Anglo voters (46% to 30 %). And amongst 18-34 year olds polled, Tadeo holds a 63% lead over Ros-Lehtinen.

The poll was designed to reflect the ethnic composition of registered voters in District 18. It has a 3 to 4 percent margin of error.

The **Metropolitan Center at Florida International University** is engaged in the study of the demographics, economics and politics of South Florida. The overall goal of the Center, as an “applied research” institute, is to provide decision-makers with the best possible information to forge solutions to the problems confronting South Florida’s urban areas. The Center provides research, training, and technical assistance to governmental and nonprofit institutions in South Florida. The Center provides usable knowledge to inform decision-makers on economic development, land use, housing and public opinion. It also provides organizational management planning and development to strengthen local area organizations’ ability to serve their client basis.

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