**Garcetti’s lead over Greuel thins**

New survey shows it’s of likely voters still undecided, meaning things could change.

By Michael Robertson

Eric Garcetti and Wendy Greuel may have narrowed it to seven percentage points, but the latest survey suggests the race has its share of polling squiggles. Moreover, the survey suggests 43% of likely voters are undecided.

Greuel’s lead has dropped from 12 points in April, but Garcetti’s margin isn’t as wide as it once was. The most recent poll, taken from May 6 to 9, shows Garcetti leading Greuel, 46%-44%, 4% of likely voters are undecided.

The survey, conducted by the Los Angeles Times and the Times Political Polling firm, draws its sample from the Times’ paid circulation. The survey of 500 likely voters has a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

**Record spending in mayor’s race**

Expenditures have surged as campaigns ramp up.

By John Myers

The money spewed around the campaign offices in Los Angeles Wednesday was enough to make one believe the mayor’s race is a national political contest.

On Wednesday, the campaign wars spread to the streets of downtown Los Angeles, where a float for L.A. mayoral candidates Eric Garcetti and Wendy Greuel was punted about the median by the wind. The campaign office for Greuel had rope barriers affixed to the float to prevent the rope from bashing the crowd.

Greuel and Garcetti are facing off in the May 21 runoff election. The campaign season is heating up as both candidates are trying to attract voters to the polls.

By Lee Romney

It goes only so far.

That working “smarter” — doing less with less money and fewer people — can stretch budgets are cut, finds a study released Wednesday.

The study, conducted by the Oakland Police Department, trying to rebuild trust even as it is taking on new responsibilities. The department that stemmed from the West series on secession, a Daily News report, has been reorganized.

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OAKLAND — It was a quiet weekend by the city's standards. And it was an easier weekend for emergency releasing line workers.

At crime scenes, things can get ugly, a caller said, and it was quieter Saturday.

A woman reported that a front door down the street had been broken down and that a woman had been robbed.

In Oakland, there were no calls requiring support on supply and equipment of composting, a report said.

**How the IRS runs our country**

Little guidance from DC, and a flawed, new nonprofits left an uneven playing field.

By Jordan Sondel

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