# OPINIONS ABOUT DEMENTIA, SCREENING, AND CARE PLANNING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

RESULTS FROM A FEBRUARY 2024 BERKELEY IGS POLL OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AGED 18+

#### **DEMENTIA RISK**



# 1 in 5

voters consider Alzheimer's disease and related dementias a normal part of aging.



## 1 in 2

voters agree that Alzheimer's disease will one day become a manageable chronic condition like diabetes or heart disease.

#### **COGNITIVE SCREENINGS**

FAMILIARITY WITH COGNITIVE SCREENING OR MEMORY TESTING WAS SPLIT AMONG VOTERS

**16%** 

36%

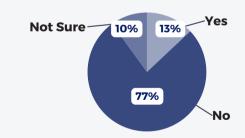
38%

Very Familiar

Somewhat Familiar

Not at all Familiar

FEW VOTERS AGED 50+ HAD EVER HAD COGNITIVE SCREENING OR MEMORY TESTING





**75%** 

of voters agree that health care providers should offer a cognitive screening annually for all adults aged 65+ years.

## TREATMENTS FOR DEMENTIA



Only 17% of voters are aware of any new treatments for dementia.

### **CAREGIVING**



92% of voters think it is important to provide caregivers of people living with dementia with comprehension trainings and support services.

#### **CARE PLANNING**

**ONLY** 

40%

of voters have talked to someone close about the types of medical treatment they would want or would not want if they became seriously ill.





**NEARLY** 

1 in 3

voters have a living will or advance directive document.

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