

# City vs. Jackson

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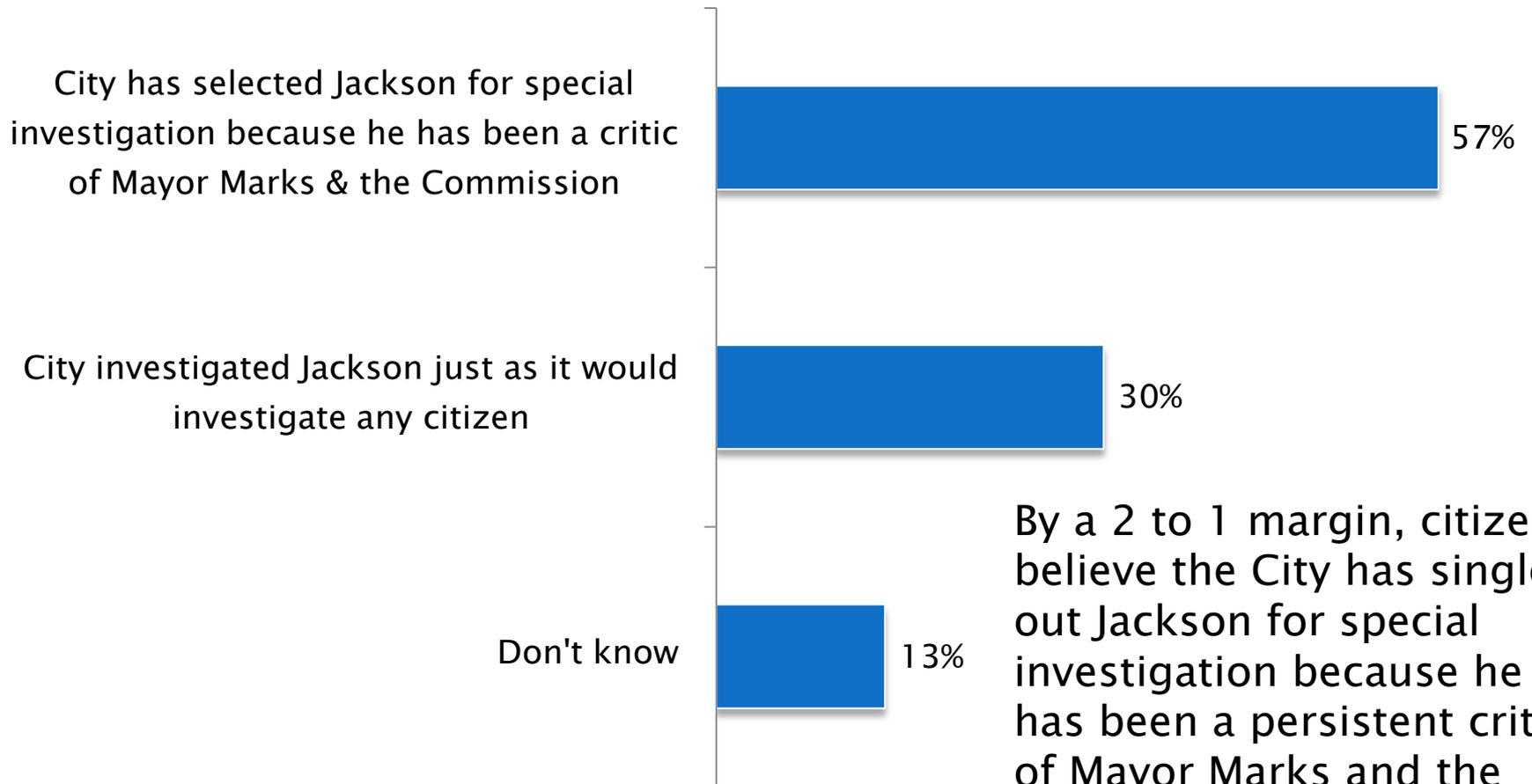
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# Information given to TallahasseeVoices Panelists

- ▶ Erwin Jackson has been a persistent critic of Mayor Marks and City Commissioners during City Commission meetings, in the media, and through the legal system. Jackson has filed ethics charges against Mayor Marks.
- ▶ Jackson, who ran for City Commission, owns rental property.
- ▶ For years Jackson used an easement to access a building on one of his properties. Recently the City locked a gate on the easement preventing Jackson access to his building. The City maintained it owned the easement, but a subsequent title search showed the City did not own the easement. After realizing that it did not own the easement, the City unlocked the gate and Jackson regained access to his building.
- ▶ Jackson then sued the City for loss of business income for the period when the City had locked the gate. The City of Tallahassee then hired a Private Investigator, a former Tallahassee Police officer, to investigate if Jackson conducted business activities on property he owns that is zoned residential. The City maintains that it was protecting itself against the lawsuit brought by Jackson for lost business income. Jackson maintains the City selected him for “special” investigation because he has been a persistent critic of the Mayor and the Commission.
- ▶ Based on what was presented here, what was covered by WCTV, the Tallahassee Democrat other media, and on what you may have learned from other sources, do you believe the City has selectively investigated Jackson because he has been a persistent critic of Mayor Marks and the Commission OR do you believe the City investigated Jackson just as it would any other citizen?

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By a 2 to 1 margin, citizens believe the City has singled out Jackson for special investigation because he has been a persistent critic of Mayor Marks and the City Commission.