



Stockton Poll: Whelan up over Balles 51-39% in LD2

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State Sen. Jim Whelan (D-2) leads Republican challenger Frank Balles, the Atlantic County sheriff, by 12 percentage points in a poll released today.

Whelan leads with 51 percent to 39 percent for Balles, with 6 percent unsure.

Republican incumbent Assemblymen John Amodeo and Chris Brown hold leads of 4 to 6 percentage points over Democrat reports.

The same poll shows incumbent Gov. Chris Christie holding a 22-point lead over Democrat Barbara Buono. Christie leads with 66 percent, Buono with 6 percent undecided.

Democrat Cory Booker leads Republican Steve Lonegan by 11 percentage points in the 2nd District in the special election. Booker garners 49 percent in the 2nd District, with Lonegan receiving 38 percent and 9 percent undecided.

"In the past, Atlantic County voters have shown themselves to be ticket-splitters," said Daniel Douglas, Director of the Stockton Polling Institute. "Once again, the voters are not choosing candidates along straight party lines."

The poll was conducted with 596 likely voters from Sept. 7-9. Interviewers called both land lines and cell phones. The Stockton Polling Institute is part of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at the Richard Stockton College.

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