

Stockton Poll: Booker leads Lonigan 58-32%

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Democrat Cory Booker holds a 26-point lead over Republican Steve Lonigan in New Jersey's U.S. Senate race, according to a new poll released today.

Booker, the mayor of Newark, is supported by 58 percent of likely voters, while 32 percent support Lonigan. Eight percent of voters have no preference.

A special U.S. Senate election, to succeed the late Sen. Frank Lautenberg, will be held in New Jersey on Oct. 16.

The Stockton Polling Institute is part of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at The Richard Stockton College. The poll shows that 76 percent of voters have a very favorable or somewhat favorable opinion of Booker, while 18 percent have unfavorable views of the candidate. Of those with unfavorable views, 18 percent have a very unfavorable opinion of Booker, and 21 percent have somewhat or very unfavorable opinions about him. The largest percentage (42 percent) of voters have a very favorable opinion of Booker.