Whelan Leads Balles by 12 Points in 2nd District Race, Stockton Polling Institute Finds

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The state legislative races and the gubernatorial race will be held as part of the general eleon Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Republican Gov. Chris Christie holds a **20** int lead over Democrat Barbara Buono, a state senator. Christie leads Buono in the district by a **56**34 margin, with 6 percent undecided.

Democrat Cory Booker leads Republican Steve Lonegan by 11 percentage points in the 20 District, in the special election be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. Booker, the may of Newark, ganers 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 tixplitters," said Daniel Douglas, Director of the William J. Hughes Center for Publiddyof Once again, the voters are not choosing candidates along straight party lines."

The poll was conducted with 596kely voters from eptember 79. Interviewers called both lar lines and cell phones. The survey has a margin of error e4.9/percent. The Stockton Polling Institute is part of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

In the Whelan-Balles race, with undecided voters who said they were leaning toward one

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The incumbent senator enjoys strong name recognition and favorable ratings in the district, with 67 percent saying their opinion of him is very or somewhat favorable, with about 20 percent having a somewhat or very unfavorable opinion of Whelan. Only 11 percent were not familiar with Whelan, the former mayor of Atlantic City.

In contrast, 46 percent of respondents said they were not

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Methodology

Interviews were conducted at the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy's Stockton Polling Institute, by live interviewers calling from the Stockton College campus. The poll was conducted with 596 likely voters from Sept. 7-