



U.S. Senate race: Bell bashes Booker on economics; Senator strikes back on residency

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NEWARK - With two recent polls showing incumbent U.S. Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) with a 13-point lead over Republican challenger Jeff Bell, Booker's rival responded by questioning polling methods and the senator's economic policies.

"It was a good poll for me because it did only registered voters," Bell told PolitickerNJ on Wednesday night at the birthday fundraiser held in East Brunswick in honor of Gov. Chris Christie. "The main reason that I'm trailing in the polls is simply that not enough people know about me. But I'm definitely within range."

According to the Fairleigh Dickinson University PublicMind Poll released on Wednesday, the registered voters polled back Booker by a 42 percent to 29 percent margin over Bell, with 27 percent unsure who they will support in November.

A poll released Wednesday by the Stockton Polling Institute of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy indicated that Booker leads 49 percent to 36 percent over Bell among likely voters polled. Twelve percent were undecided, while 3 percent expressed other choices or declined to answer.

Bell continued to challenge Booker on policy issues.

"[Booker] has no economic plans to improve the economy. None," Bell said. "He thinks what we're doing now is good, and he's going to continue it. I don't think that's going to be good

