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Incumbent U.S. Sen. Cory Booker's giant pre-election lead over his Republican challenger may be insurmountable, the director of the Galloway Township-based William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy said following a poll.

The Stockton Polling Institute's recent poll gave Booker a 24-point lead over Jeffrey Bell with less than two weeks before Election Day, the largest so far.

The statewide survey of 806 registered voters showed Booker leading 57 percent to Bell's 33 percent.

Booker had led by only 9 points when Stockton did its last poll on Oct. 9.

One of the issues facing Bell is 37 percent of voters polled were unfamiliar with him or were unsure about how they felt about him.

"This is late in the game for the challenger to still be introducing himself to the voters," Hughes Center Director Daniel Douglas said. "It may be impossible at this point to overcome Booker's advantage in fundraising, name recognition and party registration."