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GOP leads in all state races with Ninth District voters

POMONA – Republican candidates are leading in all state-level races in the GOP-leaning Ninth Legislative District, with Republican Steve Lonegan leading Democrat Cory Booker in the district by 16 points, according to a Stockton Polling Institute poll released Tuesday.

The poll shows Gov. Chris Christie leading his Democratic opponent, state Sen. Barbara Buono, by nearly 50 points in the 9th, which includes much of Ocean County and parts of Burlington and Atlantic counties.

Incumbent Republican state Sen. Chris Connors and Assembly members Brian Rumpf and Dianne Gove are leading their Democratic challengers by comfortable margins, according to the poll.

Sen. Connors holds a 31-point lead over Democrat Anthony Mazzella, with 57 percent for the incumbent and 26 percent for Mazzella.

In the state Assembly race, Republicans Rumpf and Gove hold leads of about 10 points over Democrats Peter Ferwerda and Christopher McManus.