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Fifty percent rate Booker's job performance as good or excellent, virtually unchanged since September's poll. However, his negative job ratings (fair or poor) increased from 37 percent to 42 percent.

Booker is drawing strong support from black or African-American voters (80 percent to 4 percent for Bell), Hispanic voters (50 percent to 23 percent for Bell), and women voters (47 percent to 36 percent for Bell). Men are fairly evenly split, with 44 percent for Bell and 42 percent for Booker. Both candidates draw more than 80 percent of support from their party bases, but unaffiliated voters favor Booker 41 percent to 34 percent.

New Jersey voters have unfavorable views of President Barack Obama and the job he is doing. Forty-four percent views the president favorably, unchanged since Sept. 10. Fifty-three percent have unfavorable views of him. Only 38 percent say the president is doing a good or excellent job, while 61 percent say his job performance is fair or poor. The ratings are identical to the Sept. 10 poll findings.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's ratings improved slightly over the past month. Forty-nine