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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced that at its public meeting today the Commission certified a total of \$59,187.12 in public matching funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates. These amounts were approved based on submissions filed on May 30 and June 5, 1989. Public funds were certified as follows:

Candidate	Submission(s)	Public Funds Certified
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Cardinale (R)	9 & 10	\$ 31,313.02
Karcher (D)	8	66.32

Sigmund (D) 4 & 5 27,807.78

The public funds approved today include amounts remaining from the May 30th Cardinale, Karcher and Sigmund campaigns' submissions which were subject to 95% Commission certification on May 31, 1989. They also include submissions of the Cardinale and Sigmund campaigns filed on June 5, 1989.

According to Herrmann, including today's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$8,538,202.40 in public funds to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

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	Previous	Current	Total Public
<u>Candidate</u>	<pre>Certification(s</pre>	<pre>) Certification(s)</pre>	Funds Certified
Cardinale	\$ 672,457.48	\$ 31,313.02	\$ 703,770.50
Courter	1,350,000.00	-0-	1,350,000.00*
Edwards	1,350,000.00	-0-	1,350,000.00*
Florio	1,350,000.00	-0-	1,350,000.00*
Gormley	1,339,605.50	-0-	1,350,000.00*
Hardwick	1,350,000.00	-0-	1,350,000.00*
Karcher	701,155.86	66.32	701,222.18
Sigmund _	355,401.94	27,807.78	383,209.72
	\$ 8,479,015.28	\$ 59,187.12	\$8,538,202.40

* Maximum public funds for 1989 primary election.

The Commission will transmit the certifications to the State Treasurer who, it is anticipated, will issue checks next week. The checks will be deposited by the Commission in the candidates' public funds bank accounts and will be available for use immediately thereafter.

The New Jersey Public Financing Program provides that each dollar of an eligible contribution will be matched with two dollars of public funds after a candidate has raised and expended a minimum of \$150,000 in contributions of \$1500 or less.