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## PRESS ADVISORY

Following the pattern set in the gubernatorial and Assembly contests and among the big six committees, financial activity by the 42 county political party committees has slipped significantly since 2005, the last time there was an election for governor and Assembly.

Jeff Brindle, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, said today that “fundraising by the county committees has decreased by 17 percent and expenditures by 18 percent.”

“The 42 county party committees reported receipts of \$7.1 million and expenditures of \$6.2 million in 2009,” added Brindle. “In 2005 receipts totaled \$8.6 million and expenditures \$7.6 million.”

Brindle said “once again the significant reduction in county party financial activity can be attributed to the economy, and, importantly, to the impact of the Pay-to-Play laws at the local level.”

Brindle said that he sees another trend developing at the local level that may also be affecting fundraising by county parties.

“More and more we are witnessing political action committees (PACs) being formed, in many instances by party members,” Brindle asserted. “This activity may be drawing funds away from the county organizations as well.”

As of the October 15<sup>th</sup> quarterly reporting period, the Democratic county party committees have outdistanced their Republican counterparts by substantial amounts.

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The Democratic county organizations reported raising \$5.6 million and spending \$4.8 million. Republicans, on the other hand, reported receipts of \$1.6 million and expenditures of \$1.4 million.

Both parties, however, reported financial activity that was less than in 2005. Democratic county organizations showed a decrease of 16 percent in fundraising and a 14 percent decline in spending. Republican county organizations raised 16 percent less and have spent 26 percent less than four years ago.

According to Brindle, nine of the ten top county party organizations in terms of financial activity are Democratic organizations.

Camden County Democratic Committee, the Bergen County Democratic Organization, the Middlesex County Democratic Organization, the Essex County Democratic Committee, and the Burlington County Republican Committee were the top five in terms of fundraising and expenditure activity.

Following the top five are the Gloucester County Democratic Executive Committee, the Passaic County Democratic Committee, the Union County Democratic Committee, the Burlington County Democratic Committee, and the Monmouth County Democrats.

Attached are two charts of financial activity reported as of October 15<sup>th</sup> by all 42 county party organizations.

The reports are available on-line today at 10:00 a.m. on ELEC's website at [www.elec.state.nj.us](http://www.elec.state.nj.us).

**2009 COUNTY POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES  
CUMULATIVE TO DATE AMOUNTS AS OF THIRD QUARTER**

<b>RANKED BY RECEIPTS</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
CAMDEN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	818,844	616,329
BERGEN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION	661,020	563,920
MIDDLESEX COUNTY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION	551,337	611,253
ESSEX COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	515,691	501,358
BURLINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	450,327	443,481
GLOUCESTER COUNTY DEMOCRAT EXECUTIVE CMTE	427,267	364,006
PASSAIC COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	411,680	286,382
UNION COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	394,861	257,799
BURLINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	376,134	393,442
MONMOUTH COUNTY DEMOCRATS	241,672	219,933
HUDSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION	231,900	227,769
MERCER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	188,606	164,388
BERGEN COUNTY REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION	177,307	124,524
MONMOUTH COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	138,436	71,968
SOMERSET COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	137,713	110,504
CUMBERLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION	132,072	129,680
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SOMERSET COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE CMTE	113,217	75,418
ATLANTIC COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	108,251	62,966
CUMBERLAND COUNTY REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION	102,949	97,461
OCEAN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	88,064	90,171
MERCER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	76,833	63,484
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MORRIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	57,174	49,719
UNION COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	56,688	53,812
PCRRO (PASSAIC COUNTY)	41,579	40,147
SALEM COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	39,930	45,806
SUSSEX COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	34,815	32,673
SALEM COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	32,822	50,936
CAPE MAY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION	31,000	18,404
CAPE MAY COUNTY REGULAR REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION	23,050	18,174
MIDDLESEX COUNTY REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION	22,890	18,488
WARREN COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	21,470	14,131
CAMDEN COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	18,760	31,565
WARREN COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	15,520	17,892
GLOUCESTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE CMTE	8,899	8,728
SUSSEX COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CMTE	8,080	8,756
ESSEX COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	0	881
HUDSON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY INC		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,146,798</b>	<b>\$6,190,215</b>

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<b>DEMOCRAT - TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5,576,715</b>	<b>\$4,821,763</b>
<b>REPUBLICANS - RANKED BY RECEIPTS</b>	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
BURLINGTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CMTE	450,327	443,481
BERGEN COUNTY REPUBLICAN ORGANIZATION	177,307	124,524
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<b>REPUBLICAN - TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,570,082</b>	<b>\$1,368,451</b>
<b>2009 - COUNTY POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEES - TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,146,798</b>	<b>\$6,190,215</b>

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