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The six top fundraising committees of the two major state parties jointly raised about \$3.1 million during the first nine months of the year while spending a combined \$2.9 million, according to the latest quarterly reports of the so-called “Big Six” committees.

“With special elections for state legislative seats in just three districts (5th, 14th and 31st), and the main political focus this year being on federal rather than state elections, fundraising is proceeding at a more relaxed pace,” said Jeff Brindle, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC).

“Last year, the Governor’s seat and all 80 Assembly seats were up for grabs,” added Brindle. “At this point last year, the Big Six together had raised twice as much from political contributors.”

Even so, parties are starting to prepare for next year’s elections, when all 120 seats are at stake.

For the first nine months of the year, Democrats slightly outraised Republicans- \$1.7 million to \$1.5 million. They also spent more- \$1.5 million versus \$1.3 million (See Table 1).

However, while Republicans remain in the minority in the Legislature, they now control the Governor’s seat and their fundraising fortunes appear to be improving.

For the year thus far, the three GOP committees combined are showing a larger net worth (cash reserves adjusted for debts) than the three Democratic committees- \$834,300 versus \$623,487 (See Table 1).

In another sign of a shift in fundraising activity, which typically happens after power changes hands in the State Capitol, Republicans also outraised Democrats for the quarter- \$608,304 versus \$375,411 (See Table 2). Democrats outspent Republicans \$670,722 to \$551,532 during the three month period.

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With next year's legislative showdown looming, all four legislative leadership committees have fundraisers scheduled for this month.

State Party Committees and Legislative Leadership Committees are required to report their financial activity to the Commission on a quarterly basis. The reports are available on ELEC's website at www.elec.state.nj.us.

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**Table 1
Big Six Fundraising Activity for First Nine Months of 2010**

PARTY	YEAR-TO-DATE RAISED	YEAR-TO-DATE SPENT	NET WORTH
REPUBLICANS	SEPTEMBER 30, 2010	SEPTEMBER 30, 2010	SEPTEMBER 30, 2010
New Jersey Republican State Committee	\$ 835,868	\$ 894,070	\$ 59,721
Senate Republican Majority	\$ 273,602	\$ 225,048	\$ 560,477
Assembly Republican Victory	\$ 358,559	\$ 218,737	\$ 214,102
Sub Total Republicans	\$ 1,468,029	\$ 1,337,855	\$ 834,300
DEMOCRATS			
New Jersey Democratic State Committee	\$ 528,040	\$ 522,016	\$ (34,290)
Senate Democratic Majority	\$ 541,884	\$ 530,430	\$ 499,391
Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee	\$ 622,505	\$ 469,626	\$ 158,386
Sub Total Democrats	\$ 1,692,429	\$ 1,522,072	\$ 623,487
Grand Total Both Parties	\$ 3,160,458	\$ 2,859,927	\$ 1,457,787

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Table 2
Big Six Fundraising Activity for the Third Quarter of 2010

PARTY	2010 THIRD QUARTER RAISED	2010 THIRD QUARTER SPENT
REPUBLICANS		
New Jersey Republican State Committee	\$ 339,315	\$ 339,021
Senate Republican Majority	\$ 172,629	\$ 152,814
Assembly Republican Victory	\$ 96,360	\$ 59,697
Sub Total Republicans	\$ 608,304	\$ 551,532
DEMOCRATS		
New Jersey Democratic State Committee	\$ 195,661	\$ 188,556
Senate Democratic Majority	\$ 151,650	\$ 396,160
Democratic Assembly Campaign Committee	\$ 28,100	\$ 86,006
Sub Total Democrats	\$ 375,411	\$ 670,722
Grand Total Both Parties	\$ 983,715	\$ 1,222,254

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