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Candidates participating in the May 11 municipal elections have raised more than \$13 million and spent \$9.5 million so far, with the Newark, Paterson and Bayonne races drawing the heaviest activity, Jeff Brindle, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, disclosed today.

The latest figures, a broad snapshot of May municipal races around the state, come from an analysis of campaign finance reports filed 11 days before the election. They show that candidates have raised an additional \$1.6 million between the two reporting periods and spent just under that amount.

	Statewide Receipts	Statewide Expenditures
29 Days Before Election	\$11,373,763	\$7,938,485
11 Days Before Election	\$13,019,230	\$9,475,978
Difference - Dollars	\$1,645,467	\$1,537,493
Difference - %	14.5 %	19.4 %

With the mayor's seat and council positions up for reelection, campaigns in Newark, the state's largest city, were drawing the biggest funding (\$9.6 million raised). Fundraising has topped \$100,000 in 7 other cities across the state.

Municipality	Cumulative Raised	Cumulative Spent
Newark	\$ 9,621,460	\$ 7,071,785
Paterson	\$ 1,165,042	\$ 1,043,646
Bayonne	\$ 645,891	\$ 332,713
Trenton	\$ 440,631	\$ 288,185
West Orange	\$ 194,311	\$ 120,870
Long Branch	\$ 190,362	\$ 171,463
Ocean City	\$ 164,752	\$ 129,413
Clifton City	\$ 147,816	\$ 110,795

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Among fundraising committees, a joint committee headed by Newark Mayor Cory Booker continues to top all committees in the May Municipal elections with \$7.5 million raised so far. Among the 10 other fundraising committees that topped \$100,000, six others also represented Newark candidates.

Municipality	Candidate/Committee	Cumulative Received	Cumulative Spent
Newark City	Booker Team	\$ 7,467,723	\$ 5,505,259
Paterson City	Torres, Jose	\$ 906,360	\$ 866,648
Newark City	Ramos, Anibal	\$ 525,086	\$ 211,327
Bayonne City	Smith, Mark A	\$ 438,107	\$ 230,247
Newark City	Amador, Augusto	\$ 405,725	\$ 358,105
Newark City	Quintana, Luis A*	\$ 310,579	\$ 258,967
Newark City	Minor, Clifford J	\$ 314,439	\$ 269,951
Newark City	Gonzalez, Carlos M	\$ 170,510	\$ 118,502
Newark City	James, Oscar S II	\$ 150,053	\$ 123,970
Bayonne City	Czerwienski Gillespie Greaves Hurley & Ruane	\$ 136,725	\$ 46,190
West Orange Town	Parisi, Robert	\$ 128,627	\$ 78,650

* Corrects previous totals.

Scanned paper reports of candidate fundraising committees are available to review today on ELEC's website (www.elec.state.nj.us). Individual donations to local committees soon will be added to ELEC's master database, which allows easy searching and sorting. ELEC staff can help with searches or answer other questions. To reach them, call the toll-free hotline at 1-888-313-3532 (within New Jersey only) or by dialing 609-292-8700.

The analysis contained in this press release was based on reports filed by 5 p.m. on May 3, 2010. The numbers are based on reports that have yet to be verified by ELEC and should be considered preliminary. Interested parties are encouraged to review individual reports on ELEC's website.

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