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PRESS ADVISORY

Candidates in three legislative districts that held special elections this November reported raising and spending \$2.6 million.

Special elections took place in the 5th, 14th and 31st districts. According to 20-day post-election reports filed with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, the contest for State Senate in the 14th District was the most competitive. Assemblywoman Linda Greenstein (D-Mercer) defeated incumbent Sen. Tom Goodwin (R-Mercer) in the race. They raised and spent a combined \$1.7 million.

Individuals' totals are listed in the chart below:

Table 1
Special Legislative Elections
2010 General Election 20-Day Post-Election Reporting Period

DISTRICT	CANDIDATE	OFFICE	PARTY	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT	CLOSING BALANCE
5	Norcross, Donald W**	S	D	\$ 568,907	\$ 568,907	\$ 0.00
5	Trout, Harry E*	S	R	\$ 4,000 or less	\$ 4,000 or less	
5	Weag, Christopher J*	S	I	\$ 4,000 or less	\$ 4,000 or less	
5	Wilson, Gilbert**	A	D	\$ 149,296	\$ 149,296	\$ 0.00
5	Gallagher, Barbara A	A	R	NA	NA	
	TOTALS			\$ 718,203	\$ 718,203	
14	Goodwin, Thomas	S	R	\$ 597,752	\$ 596,018	\$ 1,734
14	Greenstein, Linda R**	S	D	\$ 1,138,833	\$ 1,132,979	\$ 5,854
14	MacDonald, Bruce C*	S	I	\$ 4,000 or less	\$ 4,000 or less	
	TOTALS			\$ 1,736,584	\$ 1,728,997	
31	O'Donnell, Jason**	A	D	\$ 136,015	\$ 123,717	\$ 12,298
31	Turula, Joseph*	A	R	\$ 4,000 or less	\$ 4,000 or less	
31	Wilbeck, Denis F	A	I	\$ 5,114	\$ 4,647	\$ 67
31	Mays, Robert	A	I	NA	NA	
	TOTALS			\$ 141,129	\$ 128,364	
	TOTALS			\$ 2,595,916	\$ 2,575,563	

* Candidates who have raised or spent \$4,000 or less are not required by law to file detailed reports.

** Indicates winner

This summary contains information as reported to the Commission on the 20-day Post-election reporting period. This summary includes reports received as of 5:00 P.M. Monday, November 29, 2010. Please check the website or ELEC's public room to view reports received after this date.

NA= Not available at cutoff time

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In addition to the three special legislative elections, the campaign for the County Executive's seat in Bergen County, the state's most populous county, drew significant funding. In a race won by challenger and County Clerk Kathleen Donovan, the two candidates combined raised and spent \$1.5 million.

Table 2
Bergen County Executive's Race
2010 General Election 20-Day Post-Election Reporting Period

CANDIDATE	PARTY	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT	CLOSING BALANCE
Donovan, Kathleen	R	\$ 518,535	\$ 489,213	\$ 29,322
McNerney, Dennis	D	\$ 981,052	\$ 1,003,107	\$ (22,052)
Both Candidates		\$ 1,499,587	\$ 1,492,320	

Elections also were held throughout the State for county and municipal offices. Jeff Brindle, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, said that the 20-day post-election reports show that candidates for those offices raised \$16.5 million and spent \$13.9 million. County candidates raised \$10 million and spent \$8.4 million, while municipal candidates raised \$6.5 million and spent \$5.5 million.

Table 3
County and Municipal Fundraising Totals
2010 General Election 20-Day Post-Election Reporting Period

CANDIDATE TYPE	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT
County and Municipal Candidates Combined	\$ 16,466,564	\$ 13,870,116
County Candidates	\$ 9,935,443	\$ 8,399,728
Municipal Candidates	\$ 6,531,121	\$ 5,470,388

A comparison of fundraising totals for county and municipal candidates in 2010 with totals from four years ago shows that receipts are down about 16 percent and spending is down 20 percent.

“This may show the impact of the recession combined with new restrictions on donations by public contractors that took effect since 2005,” Brindle said.

Table 4
Change in Local Fundraising 2010 Compared to 2006

COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES COMBINED	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT
2010	\$ 16,466,564	\$ 13,870,116
2006	\$ 19,807,464	\$ 17,397,706
Difference in Dollars	\$ (3,340,900)	\$ (3,527,590)
Difference in Percentage	-16%	-20%

“However, it also seems to show that local candidates have not been hit as hard as statewide candidates. Fundraising by the so-called “Big Six” committees- the two state parties and four legislative leadership committees- was down 36 percent in January compared to four years earlier. Spending was down 34 percent,” said Brindle.

Brindle said the difference may be explained in part by the fact that contribution limits on local contractors in many municipalities and counties are looser than tight restrictions imposed on state contractors.

He said one of the top legislative recommendations of the bi-partisan Commission is to adopt a single statewide law to regulate so-called “pay-to-play” donations by contractors instead of allowing individual municipalities and counties adopt local laws that often are less restrictive than the state law.

The charts below show financial activity throughout the 21 counties ranked by receipts. Candidates in Bergen County, the state’s most populous county and scene of the high-profile County Executive’s race, raised and spent the most by a large margin.

Table 5
County Financial Activity Ranked by Receipts
2010 General Election 20-Day Post-Election Reporting Period

COUNTY	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT
Bergen County	\$ 2,876,337	\$ 2,825,310
Essex County	\$ 1,337,624	\$ 300,656
Middlesex County	\$ 865,730	\$ 845,964
Camden County	\$ 573,432	\$ 584,067
Passaic County	\$ 552,333	\$ 474,371
Burlington County	\$ 500,918	\$ 473,140
Union County	\$ 494,396	\$ 439,182
Hudson County	\$ 430,251	\$ 400,204
Gloucester County	\$ 383,266	\$ 378,779
Monmouth County	\$ 312,326	\$ 239,162
Atlantic County	\$ 263,528	\$ 230,723
Somerset County	\$ 227,320	\$ 193,610
Mercer County	\$ 221,336	\$ 201,152
Salem County	\$ 194,903	\$ 182,070
Cumberland County	\$ 194,079	\$ 203,673
Ocean County	\$ 170,447	\$ 166,561
Cape May County	\$ 90,831	\$ 67,024
Sussex County	\$ 89,894	\$ 82,410
Morris County	\$ 84,657	\$ 56,564
Warren County	\$ 44,725	\$ 35,292
Hunterdon County	\$ 27,110	\$ 19,815

The charts below show the top 20 municipalities ranked by receipts.

Table 6
Municipal Financial Activity Ranked by Receipts
2010 General Election 20-Day Post-Election Reporting Period

MUNICIPALITIES	CUMULATIVE RAISED	CUMULATIVE SPENT
New Brunswick City	\$ 180,139	\$ 130,031
Carteret Borough	\$ 173,791	\$ 137,327
Pemberton Township	\$ 144,948	\$ 113,709
Ewing Township	\$ 141,955	\$ 140,863
Linden City	\$ 130,145	\$ 90,774
Elizabeth City	\$ 119,407	\$ 101,206
Hoboken City	\$ 116,846	\$ 112,756
Washington Township - Gloucester County	\$ 114,803	\$ 106,681
Bloomfield Town	\$ 107,243	\$ 97,091
Edison Township	\$ 98,267	\$ 98,267
West Deptford Township	\$ 90,663	\$ 79,428
Middletown Township	\$ 85,510	\$ 89,500
Brigantine City	\$ 83,643	\$ 64,253
Rahway City	\$ 82,793	\$ 70,012
Jersey City	\$ 80,827	\$ 61,683
Paramus Borough	\$ 78,087	\$ 77,987
Voorhees Township	\$ 77,015	\$ 56,342
Point Pleasant Beach Borough	\$ 74,636	\$ 59,700
Union Township - Union County	\$ 73,080	\$ 76,555
North Arlington Borough	\$ 70,881	\$ 48,314

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