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**ITEM 1.      REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS**



MAY 31, 2009

# Semiannual Report to Shareholders

**DWS Strategic Municipal Income Trust**

Ticker Symbol: KSM

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## Performance Summary May 31, 2009

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Performance is historical, assumes reinvestment of all dividend and capital gain distributions, and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value fluctuate with changing market conditions so that, when sold, shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please visit [www.dws-investments.com](http://www.dws-investments.com) for the Fund's most recent month-end performance.

Fund specific data and performance are provided for informational purposes only and are not intended for trading purposes.

Returns and rankings based on net asset value during the 1-year, 3-year, 5-year and 10-year periods shown reflect fee reductions. Without these fee reductions, returns and rankings would have been lower.

Average Annual Total Returns as of 5/31/09					
DWS Strategic Municipal Income Trust	6-Month	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Based on Net Asset Value <sup>(a)</sup>	19.97%	2.61%	3.14%	5.35%	6.19%
Based on Market Price <sup>(a)</sup>	44.82%	1.40%	1.47%	5.33%	6.04%
Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index <sup>(b)</sup>	9.00%	3.57%	4.09%	4.41%	4.95%
Lipper Closed-End High Yield Municipal Debt Funds Category <sup>(c)</sup>	12.88%	-12.06%	-3.12%	1.97%	2.91%

Sources: Lipper Inc. and Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc.

Total returns shown for periods less than one year are not annualized.

Net Asset Value and Market Price		
	As of 5/31/09	As of 11/30/08
Net Asset Value	\$ 11.08	\$ 9.66
Market Price	\$ 10.80	\$ 7.80

Prices and net asset value fluctuate and are not guaranteed.

<sup>(a)</sup> Total return based on net asset value reflects changes in the Fund's net asset value during each period. Total return based on market price reflects changes in market value. Each figure assumes that dividend and capital gain distributions, if any, were reinvested. These figures will differ depending upon the level of any discount from or premium to net asset value at which the Fund's shares traded during the period.

<sup>(b)</sup> The Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index is an unmanaged, unleveraged market-value-weighted measure of municipal bonds issued across the United States. Index issues have a credit rating of at least Baa and a maturity of at least two years. Index returns, unlike Fund returns, do not reflect any fees or expenses. It is not possible to invest directly into an index.

<sup>(c)</sup> The Lipper Closed-End High Yield Municipal Debt Funds Category includes funds that invest at least 50% of their assets in lower-rated municipal debt issues. Lipper figures represent the average of the total returns based on net asset value reported by all of the closed-end funds designated by Lipper Inc. as falling into the Closed-End High Yield Municipal Debt Funds Category. Category returns assume reinvestment of all distributions. It is not possible to invest directly into a Lipper category.

Distribution Information	
Six Months as of 5/31/09:	
Income Dividends (common shareholders)	\$ .42
May Income Dividend (common shareholders)	\$ .07
Current Annualized Distribution Rate (Based on Net Asset Value) as of 5/31/09 <sup>+</sup>	7.58%
Current Annualized Distribution Rate (Based on Market Price) as of 5/31/09 <sup>+</sup>	7.78%
Tax Equivalent Distribution Rate (Based on Net Asset Value) as of 5/31/09 <sup>+</sup>	11.66%
Tax Equivalent Distribution Rate (Based on Market Price) as of 5/31/09 <sup>+</sup>	11.97%

<sup>+</sup> Current annualized distribution rate is the latest monthly dividend shown as an annualized percentage of net asset value/market price on May 31, 2009. Distribution rate simply measures the level of dividends and is not a complete measure of performance. Tax equivalent distribution rate is based on the Fund's distribution rate and a marginal income tax rate of 35%. Distribution rates are historical, not guaranteed, and will fluctuate.

Lipper Rankings Closed-End High Yield Municipal Debt Funds Category as of 5/31/09			
Period	Rank	Number of Funds Tracked	Percentile Ranking (%)
1-Year	1 of	15	7
3-Year	1 of	14	7

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5-Year	1	of	14	7
10-Year	1	of	11	9

Source: Lipper Inc. Rankings are historical and do not guarantee future results. Rankings are based on net asset value total return with distributions reinvested.

**Portfolio Summary**

Asset Allocation (As a % of Investment Portfolio)	5/31/09	11/30/08
Revenue Bonds	78%	63%
ETM/Prerefunded Bonds	15%	31%
General Obligation Bonds	6%	5%
Lease Obligations	1%	1%
	100%	100%

Quality	5/31/09	11/30/08
AAA	10%	11%
AA	12%	21%
A	19%	16%
BBB	29%	20%
BB	4%	4%
B	3%	2%
Below B		
Not Rated	23%	26%
	100%	100%

Interest Rate Sensitivity	5/31/09	11/30/08
Average Maturity	12.0 years	10.2 years
Duration	7.5 years	6.4 years

Top Five State Allocations (As a % of Investment Portfolio)	5/31/09	11/30/08
New York	12%	15%
California	9%	8%
Texas	7%	9%
Nevada	5%	5%
Tennessee	5%	5%

Asset allocation, quality, interest rate sensitivity and top five state allocations are subject to change.

The quality ratings represent the lower of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P") credit ratings. The ratings of Moody's and S&P represent their opinions as to the quality of the securities they rate. Ratings are relative and subjective and are not absolute standards of quality. The Fund's credit quality does not remove market risk.

For more complete details about the Fund's investment portfolio, see page 7. A quarterly Fact Sheet is available upon request. A complete list of the Fund's portfolio holdings is posted as of the month end on [www.dws-investments.com](http://www.dws-investments.com) on or about the 15th day of the following month. More frequent posting of portfolio holdings information may be made from time to time on [www.dws-investments.com](http://www.dws-investments.com). Please see the Additional Information section for contact information.

Following the Fund's fiscal first and third quarter-end, a complete portfolio holdings listing is filed with the SEC on Form N-Q. The form will be available on the SEC's Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), and it also may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (800) SEC-0330.

**Investment Portfolio as of May 31, 2009 (Unaudited)**

	Principal Amount (\$)	Value (\$)
<b>Municipal Bonds and Notes</b>	<b>151.9%</b>	

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<b>Alabama 0.6%</b>		
Sylacauga, AL, Health Care Authority Revenue, Coosa Valley Medical Center, Series A, 6.0%, 8/1/2035	1,000,000	<b>686,150</b>
<b>Arizona 2.7%</b>		
Arizona, Project Revenue, Health Facilities Authority, The New Foundation Project, 8.25%, 3/1/2019	1,625,000	1,600,706
Maricopa County, AZ, Pollution Control Corp. Revenue, El Paso Electric Co. Project, Series B, 7.25%, 4/1/2040	1,570,000	1,668,486
		<b>3,269,192</b>
<b>California 11.6%</b>		
California, Health Facilities Financing Authority Revenue, Catholic Healthcare West, Series A, 6.0%, 7/1/2034	1,000,000	1,018,880
California, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Enterprise Casino Revenue, Series B, 144A, 6.5%, 3/1/2028	1,000,000	819,790
California, Special Assessment Revenue, Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corp., Series 2003-A-1, Prerefunded, 6.75%, 6/1/2039	4,500,000	5,271,885
California, State General Obligation, 6.5%, 4/1/2033	1,950,000	2,125,870
California, State Public Works Board Lease Revenue, Riverside Campus Project, Series B, 6.125%, 4/1/2028	2,000,000	2,057,080
Los Angeles County, CA, Multi-Family Mortgage Revenue, Valencia Housing Project, Series C, 0.15%**, 4/1/2031	1,850,000	1,850,000
Sacramento County, CA, Sales & Special Tax Revenue, Bradshaw Road Project, 7.2%, 9/2/2015	870,000	871,105
		<b>14,014,610</b>
<b>Colorado 2.1%</b>		
Colorado, Health Facilities Authority Revenue, Christian Living Communities Project, Series A, 5.75%, 1/1/2037	1,000,000	697,460
Colorado, Public Energy Authority, Natural Gas Purchased Revenue, 6.25%, 11/15/2028	635,000	621,081
Colorado, Transportation/Tolls Revenue, Northwest Parkway Public Highway Authority, Series D, Prerefunded, 7.125%, 6/15/2041	1,140,000	1,215,901
		<b>2,534,442</b>
<b>Connecticut 3.0%</b>		
Greenwich, CT, Multi-Family Housing Revenue, 6.35%, 9/1/2027	2,000,000	2,014,540
Mashantucket, CT, Mashantucket Western Pequot Tribe, Special Revenue, Series A, 144A, 6.5%, 9/1/2031	705,000	407,765
Mashantucket, CT, Sports, Expo & Entertainment Revenue, Mashantucket Western Pequot Tribe:		
Series B, 144A, Zero Coupon, 9/1/2017	2,000,000	816,280
Series B, 144A, Zero Coupon, 9/1/2018	1,000,000	372,640
		<b>3,611,225</b>
<b>Florida 7.6%</b>		
Florida, Capital Region Community Development District Revenue, Capital Improvement, Series A, 7.0%, 5/1/2039	500,000	361,070
Florida, Tolomato Community Development District, Special Assessment:		
5.4%, 5/1/2037	1,955,000	1,125,454
6.55%, 5/1/2027	850,000	621,308
Hillsborough County, FL, Industrial Development Authority Revenue, Health Facilities, University Community Hospital, Series A, 5.625%, 8/15/2029	1,875,000	1,437,525
Miami Beach, FL, Health Facilities Authority Hospital Revenue, Mount Sinai Medical Center, 144A, 6.75%, 11/15/2029	1,600,000	1,189,552
Miami-Dade County, FL, Aviation Revenue, Series A, 5.5%, 10/1/2041	3,000,000	2,877,870
Orlando, FL, Greater Aviation Authority, Airport Facilities Revenue, Jet Blue Airways Corp., AMT, 6.5%, 11/15/2036	1,000,000	721,800
Orlando, FL, Special Assessment Revenue, Conroy Road Interchange Project, Series A, 5.8%, 5/1/2026	1,000,000	874,400
		<b>9,208,979</b>
<b>Georgia 3.4%</b>		
Americus-Sumter County, GA, Hospital & Healthcare Revenue, Hospital Authority, South Georgia Methodist, Series A, 6.375%, 5/15/2029	1,250,000	974,475
Gainesville & Hall County, GA, Development Authority Retirement Community Revenue, ACTS Retirement, Life Community, Series A-2, 6.625%, 11/15/2039 (a)	1,000,000	1,010,860
Georgia, Main Street Natural Gas, Inc., Gas Project Revenue, Series A, 5.5%, 9/15/2024	1,220,000	1,092,937
Georgia, Medical Center Hospital Authority Revenue, Anticipation Certificates, Columbus Regional Healthcare Systems, 6.5%, 8/1/2038 (b)	1,000,000	1,079,400
		<b>4,157,672</b>
<b>Guam 0.7%</b>		
Guam, Government Waterworks Authority, Water & Wastewater System Revenue, 6.0%, 7/1/2025	1,000,000	<b>861,180</b>
<b>Idaho 0.3%</b>		
Idaho, Health Facilities Authority Revenue, St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, 6.75%, 11/1/2037	305,000	<b>322,388</b>
<b>Illinois 8.4%</b>		
Aurora, IL, Single Family Mortgage Revenue, Series C, AMT, 5.5%, 6/1/2045	2,761,018	2,791,555
Illinois, Finance Authority Revenue, Friendship Village of Schaumburg, Series A, 5.625%, 2/15/2037	2,000,000	1,340,740
Illinois, Finance Authority Revenue, Monarch Landing, Inc. Facility:		
Series A, 7.0%, 12/1/2027	1,000,000	789,500
Series A, 7.0%, 12/1/2037	1,000,000	716,810

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Illinois, Finance Authority Revenue, Three Crowns Park Plaza, Series A, 5.875%, 2/15/2038	1,000,000	730,490
Illinois, Hospital & Healthcare Revenue, ETM, 6.75%, 2/15/2016	2,180,000	2,289,087
Illinois, Upper River Valley Development Authority, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue, Waste Recovery Project, AMT, 5.9%, 2/1/2014	995,000	904,097
University Park, IL, Sales & Special Tax Revenue, Governors Gateway Industrial Park, 8.5%, 12/1/2011	620,000	621,606
		<b>10,183,885</b>
<b>Indiana 1.0%</b>		
Indiana, Finance Authority Hospital Revenue, Deaconess Hospital Obligation, Series A, 6.75%, 3/1/2039	525,000	535,442
Vigo County, IN, Hospital Authority Revenue, Union Hospital, Inc., 144A, 5.7%, 9/1/2037	1,000,000	720,160
		<b>1,255,602</b>
<b>Iowa 1.9%</b>		
Cedar Rapids, IA, First Mortgage Revenue, Cottage Grove Place, Series A, 5.875%, 7/1/2028	1,670,000	1,187,888
Iowa, Finance Authority Retirement Community Revenue, Edgewater LLC Project, 6.5%, 11/15/2027	1,000,000	828,550
Lake City, IA, Senior Care Revenue, Health Care Facility, Opportunity Living Project, 144A, 6.45%, 5/1/2011	350,000	350,017
		<b>2,366,455</b>
<b>Kansas 2.2%</b>		
Lenexa, KS, Health Care Facility Revenue, 5.5%, 5/15/2039	2,000,000	1,310,440
Wyandotte County, KS, Unified Government Special Obligation Revenue, Sales Tax, Series B, 5.0%, 12/1/2020	1,400,000	1,335,152
		<b>2,645,592</b>
<b>Kentucky 3.7%</b>		
Kentucky, Economic Development Finance Authority, Health System Revenue, Norton Healthcare: Series A, 6.625%, 10/1/2028	215,000	215,596
Series A, Prerefunded, 6.625%, 10/1/2028	785,000	850,485
Kentucky, Economic Development Finance Authority, Louisville Arena Project Revenue, Series A-1, 6.0%, 12/1/2033 (b)	365,000	379,399
Louisville & Jefferson County, KY, Metropolitan Government Health System Revenue, Norton Healthcare, Inc., 5.0%, 10/1/2030	3,425,000	3,057,155
		<b>4,502,635</b>
<b>Louisiana 4.1%</b>		
Louisiana, Local Government Environmental Facilities, Community Development Authority Revenue, 6.75%, 11/1/2032	1,000,000	804,170
Louisiana, St. John Baptist Parish Revenue, Marathon Oil Corp., Series A, 5.125%, 6/1/2037	1,500,000	1,271,040
Morehouse Parish, LA, Pollution Control Revenue, International Paper Co. Project, Series A, 5.25%, 11/15/2013	3,000,000	2,907,870
		<b>4,983,080</b>
<b>Maryland 7.9%</b>		
Anne Arundel County, MD, National Business Park Project, 144A, Prerefunded, 7.375%, 7/1/2028	966,000	1,043,744
Anne Arundel County, MD, Revenue Lease, Arundel Mills Project, Prerefunded, 7.1%, 7/1/2029	1,500,000	1,537,260
Maryland, Economic Development Corp., Pollution Control Revenue, Potomac Electric Power Co., 6.2%, 9/1/2022	1,500,000	1,621,845
Maryland, Higher Education Revenue, Collegiate Housing Foundation, Series A, Prerefunded, 5.75%, 6/1/2031	1,000,000	1,020,290
Maryland, State Economic Development Corp. Revenue, Senior Lien Project, Chesapeake Bay: Series A, 5.0%, 12/1/2031	1,000,000	522,250
Series B, 5.25%, 12/1/2031	2,000,000	1,081,440
Maryland, State Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Anne Arundel Health Systems, Series A, 6.75%, 7/1/2039	500,000	556,475
Maryland, State Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Washington County Hospital: 5.75%, 1/1/2033	1,000,000	874,240
6.0%, 1/1/2028	1,385,000	1,305,113
		<b>9,562,657</b>
<b>Massachusetts 5.9%</b>		
Massachusetts, Hospital & Healthcare Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Civic Investments, Series A, Prerefunded, 9.0%, 12/15/2015	1,600,000	1,939,472
Massachusetts, Industrial Development Revenue, Development Finance Agency, Series A, 7.1%, 7/1/2032	1,875,000	1,461,075
Massachusetts, Project Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Jordan Hospital, Series E, 6.75%, 10/1/2033	1,790,000	1,409,965
Massachusetts, State Development Finance Agency Revenue, Linden Ponds, Inc. Facility, Series A, 5.75%, 11/15/2035	2,700,000	1,746,468
Massachusetts, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Milford Regional Medical Center, Series E, 5.0%, 7/15/2037	950,000	617,481
Massachusetts, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Partners Healthcare Systems, Series C, 5.75%, 7/1/2032	35,000	35,571
		<b>7,210,032</b>
<b>Michigan 5.3%</b>		
Kalamazoo, MI, Economic Development Corp. Revenue, Heritage Community, 5.375%, 5/15/2027	1,000,000	698,820
Kalamazoo, MI, Industrial Development Revenue, Economic Development Corp., Series A, Prerefunded, 7.5%, 5/15/2029	2,000,000	2,164,880

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Royal Oak, MI, Hospital Finance Authority Revenue, William Beaumont Hospital, 8.25%, 9/1/2039	1,000,000	1,129,790
Saginaw, MI, Hospital & Healthcare Revenue, Hospital Finance Authority, Covenant Medical Center, Series F, 6.5%, 7/1/2030	1,000,000	965,490
Tawas City, MI, Hospital Finance Authority, St. Joseph Health Services:		
Series A, ETM, 5.6%, 2/15/2013	190,000	201,459
Series A, ETM, 5.75%, 2/15/2023	1,300,000	1,317,901
		<b>6,478,340</b>
<b>Minnesota 0.9%</b>		
Minneapolis, MN, Health Care Systems Revenue, Fairview Health Services, Series A, 6.75%, 11/15/2032	1,000,000	<b>1,055,730</b>
<b>Mississippi 1.3%</b>		
Lowndes County, MS, Solid Waste Disposal & Pollution Control Revenue, Weyerhaeuser Co. Project, Series A, 6.8%, 4/1/2022	250,000	240,547
Mississippi, Business Finance Corp., Pollution Control Revenue, Systems Energy Resources, Inc. Project, 5.875%, 4/1/2022	1,000,000	928,700
Warren County, MS, Gulf Opportunity Zone, International Paper Co., Series A, 6.5%, 9/1/2032	435,000	376,954
		<b>1,546,201</b>
<b>Missouri 1.7%</b>		
Branson, MO, Regional Airport Transportation Development District, Airport Revenue, Series B, AMT, 6.0%, 7/1/2037	250,000	161,245
Missouri, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Lutheran Senior Services, Series C, 5.0%, 2/1/2042	2,000,000	1,395,080
St. Louis, MO, Special Assessment Revenue, Scullin Redevelopment Area, Series A, 10.0%, 8/1/2010	535,000	555,806
		<b>2,112,131</b>
<b>Nevada 8.8%</b>		
Clark County, NV, Industrial Development Revenue, Nevada Power Co. Project, Series B, AMT, 5.9%, 10/1/2030	1,665,000	1,444,454
Clark County, NV, School District, Series A, 5.0%, 6/15/2022 (b)	7,140,000	7,325,212
Henderson, NV, Health Care Facility Revenue, Catholic Healthcare West, Series B, 5.25%, 7/1/2031	2,000,000	1,847,500
Las Vegas, NV, Transportation/Tolls Revenue, Las Vegas Monorail Project, 3.688%, 1/1/2030 (c)	2,000,000	100,000
		<b>10,717,166</b>
<b>New Hampshire 2.3%</b>		
New Hampshire, Hospital & Healthcare Revenue, Rivermead at Peterborough Retirement Community, 5.75%, 7/1/2028	1,500,000	1,176,660
New Hampshire, State Business Finance Authority, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue, Waste Management, Inc. Project, AMT, 5.2%, 5/1/2027	1,750,000	1,575,263
		<b>2,751,923</b>
<b>New Jersey 1.2%</b>		
New Jersey, Economic Development Authority Revenue, Cigarette Tax, 5.75%, 6/15/2034	290,000	231,382
New Jersey, Health Care Facilities Financing Authority Revenue, St. Joseph's Health Care System, 6.625%, 7/1/2038	1,430,000	1,221,177
		<b>1,452,559</b>
<b>New Mexico 2.2%</b>		
Farmington, NM, Pollution Control Revenue, 5.8%, 4/1/2022	2,750,000	<b>2,655,923</b>
<b>New York 14.4%</b>		
Long Island, NY, Power Authority, Electric System Revenue, Series E, 5.0%, 12/1/2021 (b)	2,900,000	3,034,154
Nassau County, NY, Project Revenue, North Shore Healthcare Systems Project, Series B, 5.875%, 11/1/2011	365,000	378,585
New York, Core City General Obligation, Series C, 7.0%, 2/1/2010	315,000	318,175
New York, Sales & Special Tax Revenue, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Series A, Prerefunded, 5.125%, 4/1/2019 (b)	1,450,000	1,685,509
New York, State General Obligation Lease, Higher Education Revenue, Dormitory Authority, State University, 5.125%, 5/15/2021 (b)	140,000	140,065
New York & New Jersey Port Authority, One Hundred Forty-Seventh, AMT, 5.0%, 10/15/2023 (b)	8,260,000	8,287,258
New York City, NY, Industrial Development Agency Revenue, Liberty-7, World Trade Center, Series A, 6.25%, 3/1/2015	2,000,000	1,749,000
New York City, NY, Industrial Development Agency, Special Facility Revenue, American Airlines, JFK International Airport, AMT, 8.0%, 8/1/2028	2,000,000	1,919,480
		<b>17,512,226</b>
<b>North Carolina 2.8%</b>		
North Carolina, Electric Revenue, Municipal Power Agency:		
Series C, 5.375%, 1/1/2017	1,000,000	1,040,080
Series B, 6.375%, 1/1/2013	1,300,000	1,337,856
North Carolina, Medical Care Commission, Health Care Facilities Revenue, University Health Systems, Series D, 6.25%, 12/1/2033	1,000,000	1,070,220
		<b>3,448,156</b>
<b>Ohio 4.8%</b>		
Buckeye, OH, Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority, Series A-2, 5.875%, 6/1/2030	7,350,000	<b>5,767,251</b>
<b>Pennsylvania 4.1%</b>		
Butler County, PA, Hospital Authority Revenue, Butler Health Systems Project, 7.25%, 7/1/2039	2,000,000	2,082,540
Montgomery County, PA, Industrial Development Authority Revenue, Whitmarsh Continuing Care, 6.25%, 2/1/2035	600,000	393,078

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Pennsylvania, Hospital & Healthcare Revenue, Economic Development Financing Authority, UPMC Health System, Series A, 6.0%, 1/15/2031	750,000	768,015
Philadelphia, Redevelopment Authority Revenue, First Lien Mortgage, Series A, 6.5%, 1/1/2029	596,400	596,823
Westmoreland County, PA, Senior Care Revenue, Industrial Development Authority, Health Care Facilities-Redstone, Series B, Prerefunded, 8.125%, 11/15/2030	1,000,000	1,108,650
		<b>4,949,106</b>
<b>Puerto Rico 4.2%</b>		
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Aqueduct & Sewer Authority Revenue, Series A, 6.0%, 7/1/2038	4,000,000	3,882,080
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Highway & Transportation Authority Revenue, Series L, 5.25%, 7/1/2038 (b)	1,300,000	1,173,120
		<b>5,055,200</b>
<b>South Carolina 4.7%</b>		
Hardeeville, SC, Assessment Revenue, Anderson Tract Municipal Improvement District, Series A, 7.75%, 11/1/2039	983,000	758,945
South Carolina, Jobs Economic Development Authority Revenue, Bon Secours Health System:		
Series A, Prerefunded, 5.625%, 11/15/2030	415,000	471,921
Series B, 5.625%, 11/15/2030	1,585,000	1,479,376
South Carolina, Jobs Economic Development Authority, Hospital Facilities Revenue, Palmetto Health Alliance:		
Series C, Prerefunded, 7.0%, 8/1/2030	1,545,000	1,838,664
Series A, Prerefunded, 7.375%, 12/15/2021	1,000,000	1,111,970
		<b>5,660,876</b>
<b>South Dakota 1.7%</b>		
South Dakota, Hospital & Healthcare Revenue, Sioux Valley Hospital, Series E, 5.375%, 11/1/2024	2,000,000	<b>2,009,660</b>
<b>Tennessee 3.5%</b>		
Clarksville, TN, Natural Gas Acquisition Corp., Gas Revenue:		
5.0%, 12/15/2017	500,000	451,005
5.0%, 12/15/2018	540,000	483,079
Johnson City, TN, Health & Educational Facilities Board Hospital Revenue, Mountain States Health Alliance, Series A, 7.75%, 7/1/2038	1,000,000	1,056,660
Johnson City, TN, Hospital & Healthcare Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities Board Hospital, Series A, Prerefunded, 7.5%, 7/1/2033	2,000,000	2,272,700
		<b>4,263,444</b>
<b>Texas 11.3%</b>		
Abilene, TX, Senior Care Revenue, Health Facilities Development, Sears Methodist Retirement Facilities, Series A, 5.9%, 11/15/2025	2,500,000	1,921,250
Austin, TX, Austin-Bergstrom Landhost Enterprises, Inc., Airport Hotel Project, Series A, 6.75%, 4/1/2027*	1,960,000	1,349,362
Brazos River, TX, Harbor Navigation District, Brazoria County Environmental Health, Dow Chemical Co. Project:		
Series B-2, 4.95%, 5/15/2033	1,000,000	744,670
Series A-3, AMT, 5.125%, 5/15/2033	1,000,000	746,700
Houston, TX, Transportation/Tolls Revenue, Special Facilities, Continental Airlines, Inc., Series E, AMT, 6.75%, 7/1/2029	2,000,000	1,677,940
Matagorda County, TX, Navigation District No. 1, Pollution Control Revenue, AEP Texas Central Co. Project, Series A, 4.4%, 5/1/2030 (b)	2,250,000	1,732,388
North Texas, Tollway Authority Revenue, Toll Second Tier, Series F, 5.75%, 1/1/2033	2,000,000	1,997,320
San Antonio, TX, Convention Center Hotel Finance Corp., Contract Revenue, Empowerment Zone, Series A, AMT, 5.0%, 7/15/2039 (b)	1,000,000	758,200
Texas, Industrial Development Revenue, Waste Disposal Authority, Series A, AMT, 6.1%, 8/1/2024	1,000,000	834,220
Texas, SA Energy Acquisition Public Facility Corp., Gas Supply Revenue, 5.5%, 8/1/2020	2,000,000	1,892,320
		<b>13,654,370</b>
<b>Virgin Islands 2.5%</b>		
Virgin Islands, Sales & Special Tax Revenue, Public Finance Authority, Series A, 6.375%, 10/1/2019	3,000,000	<b>3,053,970</b>
<b>Virginia 1.2%</b>		
Washington County, VA, Industrial Development Authority, Hospital Facility Revenue, Mountain States Health Alliance, Series C, 7.75%, 7/1/2038	1,370,000	<b>1,470,448</b>
<b>Washington 1.7%</b>		
Washington, State Health Care Facilities Authority Revenue, Series C, 5.375%, 8/15/2028 (b)	595,000	464,296
Washington, State Health Care Facilities Authority Revenue, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Series A, 6.125%, 8/15/2037	2,000,000	1,656,900
		<b>2,121,196</b>
<b>West Virginia 0.3%</b>		
West Virginia, Hospital Finance Authority Revenue, Charleston Medical Center, Prerefunded, 6.75%, 9/1/2022	390,000	<b>422,741</b>
<b>Wisconsin 3.9%</b>		
Wisconsin, Hospital & Healthcare Revenue, Health & Educational Facilities Authority, Aurora Health Care, Inc., 6.875%, 4/15/2030	1,000,000	1,009,170

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Wisconsin, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Aurora Health Care, Inc., Series A, 5.6%, 2/15/2029	1,040,000	935,636
Wisconsin, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Prohealth Care, Inc. Obligation Group, 6.625%, 2/15/2039	1,110,000	1,150,448
Wisconsin, State Health & Educational Facilities Authority Revenue, Thedacare, Inc., Series A, 5.5%, 12/15/2038 (a)	1,765,000	1,688,205
		<b>4,783,459</b>
<b>Total Municipal Bonds and Notes (Cost \$187,390,628)</b>		<b>184,317,852</b>

**Municipal Inverse Floating Rate Notes (d) 13.6%**

**California 3.4%**

San Diego County, CA, Water Authority Revenue, Certificates of Participation, Series 2008-A, 5.0%, 5/1/2027 (b) (e)	2,121,349	2,172,972
San Diego County, CA, Water Authority Revenue, Certificates of Participation, Series 2008-A, 5.0%, 5/1/2028 (b) (e)	1,930,312	1,977,286
Trust: San Diego County, CA, Water Utility Improvements, Certificates of Participation, Series 2008-1104, 144A, 9.053%, 5/1/2027, Leverage Factor at purchase date: 2 to 1		
		<b>4,150,258</b>

**New York 4.9%**

New York, State Dormitory Authority, State Personal Income Tax Revenue, Series A, 5.0%, 3/15/2023 (e)	5,535,000	<b>5,926,859</b>
Trust: New York, State Dormitory Authority Revenue, Secondary Issues, Series 1955-2, 144A, 18.243%, 3/15/2023, Leverage Factor at purchase date: 4 to 1		

**Tennessee 5.3%**

Nashville & Davidson County, TN, Metropolitan Government, 5.0%, 1/1/2024 (e)	5,918,585	<b>6,354,060</b>
Trust: Nashville & Davidson County, TN, Metropolitan Government, Series 2631-1, 144A, 17.446%, 1/1/2024, Leverage Factor at purchase date: 4 to 1		

<b>Total Municipal Inverse Floating Rate Notes (Cost \$16,557,191)</b>		<b>16,431,177</b>
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	% of Net Assets	Value (\$)
<b>Total Investment Portfolio (Cost \$203,947,819)+</b>	165.5	<b>200,749,029</b>
<b>Other Assets and Liabilities, Net</b>	(7.8)	<b>(9,430,687)</b>
<b>Preferred Shares, at Redemption Value</b>	(57.7)	<b>(70,000,000)</b>
<b>Net Assets Applicable to Common Shareholders</b>	100.0	<b>121,318,342</b>

\* Non-income producing security. In the case of a bond, generally denotes that the issuer has defaulted on the payment of principal or interest. The following table represents bonds that are in default:

Security	Coupon	Maturity Date	Principal Amount (\$)	Acquisition Cost (\$)	Value (\$)
Austin, TX, Austin-Bergstrom Landhost Enterprises, Inc., Airport Hotel Project, Series A	6.75%	4/1/2027	1,960,000	1,960,000	<b>1,349,362</b>

\*\* Variable rate demand notes are securities whose interest rates are reset periodically at market levels. These securities are often payable on demand and are shown at their current rates as of May 31, 2009.

+ The cost for federal income tax purposes was \$203,443,444. At May 31, 2009, net unrealized depreciation for all securities based on tax cost was \$2,694,415. This consisted of aggregate gross unrealized appreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of value over tax cost of \$11,486,875 and aggregate gross unrealized depreciation for all securities in which there was an excess of tax cost over value of \$14,181,290.

(a) When-issued security.

(b) Bond is insured by one of these companies:

Insurance Coverage	As a % of Total Investment Portfolio
Ambac Financial Group, Inc.	1.8
Assured Guaranty Corp.	0.7
Financial Guaranty Insurance Co.	9.4
Financial Security Assurance, Inc.	2.9
Radian	0.2

Many insurers who have traditionally guaranteed payment of municipal issues have been downgraded by the major rating agencies. As a result, most insured issues are now trading on the basis of the underlying credits.

(c) Partial interest paying security. The rate shown represents 50% of the original coupon rate.

(d) Securities represent the underlying municipal obligations of inverse floating rate obligations held by the Fund.

(e) Security forms part of the below tender option bond trust. Principal Amount and Value shown take into account the leverage factor.

144A: Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

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*AMT: Subject to alternative minimum tax.*

*ETM: Bonds bearing the description ETM (escrow to maturity) are collateralized usually by US Treasury securities which are held in escrow and used to repay principal and pay interest on bonds so designated.*

*Prerefunded: Bonds which are prerefunded are collateralized usually by US Treasury securities which are held in escrow and are used to repay principal and pay interest on tax-exempt issues and to retire the bonds in full at the earliest refunding date.*

### **Fair Value Measurements**

*Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements, establishes a three-tier hierarchy for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosure about the classification of fair value measurements.*

*Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in three broad levels. Level 1 includes quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk). Level 3 includes significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments). The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.*

*The following is a summary of the inputs used as of May 31, 2009 in valuing the Fund's investments. For information on the Fund's policy regarding the valuation of investments, please refer to the Security Valuation section of Note A in the accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.*

Valuation Inputs	Investments in Securities
Level 1	\$
Level 2	200,749,029
Level 3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 200,749,029</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

## Financial Statements

<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b> as of May 31, 2009 (Unaudited)	
<b>Assets</b>	
Investments in securities, at value (cost \$203,947,819)	\$ 200,749,029
Cash	719,488
Receivable for investments sold	5,000
Interest receivable	3,328,134
Other assets	2,270
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>204,803,921</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Payable for when-issued securities purchased	2,688,205
Payable for floating rate notes issued	10,615,039
Distributions payable	5,400
Accrued management fee	96,390
Other accrued expenses and payables	80,545
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>13,485,579</b>
<b>Preferred shares, at redemption value</b>	<b>70,000,000</b>
	<b>\$</b>
<b>Net assets applicable to common shareholders</b>	<b>121,318,342</b>
<b>Net Assets Consist of</b>	
Undistributed net investment income	2,063,664
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(3,198,790)
Accumulated net realized gain (loss)	997,845
Paid-in capital	121,455,623

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<b>Net assets applicable to common shareholders</b>	<b>\$ 121,318,342</b>
<b>Net Asset Value</b>	
<b>Net Asset Value</b> per common share (\$121,318,342 ÷ 10,948,343 outstanding shares of beneficial interest, \$.01 par value, unlimited number of shares authorized)	<b>\$ 11.08</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

<b>Statement of Operations</b> for the six months ended May 31, 2009 (Unaudited)	
<b>Investment Income</b>	
Income:	
Interest	\$ 6,349,355
Expenses:	
Management fee	535,818
Services to shareholders	15,837
Custodian fee	5,048
Legal fees	63,790
Audit and tax fees	28,983
Trustees' fees and expenses	4,521
Reports to shareholders	15,698
Auction service fee	88,816
Stock exchange listing fees	11,830
Interest expense and fees on floating rate notes	108,445
Other	32,212
Total expenses before expense reductions	910,998
Expense reductions	(5)
Total expenses after expense reductions	910,993
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>5,438,362</b>
<b>Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)</b>	
Net realized gain (loss) from investments	1,731,644
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	13,295,451
<b>Net gain (loss)</b>	<b>15,027,095</b>
<b>Dividends on preferred shares</b>	<b>(348,772)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>\$ 20,116,685</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

<b>Statement of Cash Flows</b> for the six months ended May 31, 2009 (Unaudited)	
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Cash:</b>	
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations (excluding dividends on preferred shares)	\$ 20,465,457
Adjustments to reconcile net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Purchases of long-term investments	(107,520,936)
Net amortization/accretion of premium (discount)	(98,275)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of long-term investments	108,932,557
(Increase) decrease in interest receivable	142,904
(Increase) decrease in other assets	843
(Increase) decrease in receivable for investments sold	95,000
Increase (decrease) in payable for when-issued securities purchased	515,638
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses and payables	38,679
Change in net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on investments	(13,295,451)
Net realized (gain) loss from investments	(1,731,644)

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<b>Cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<b>7,544,772</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	
Distributions paid	(4,952,297)
Increase (decrease) in payable for floating rate notes issued	(2,004,444)
<b>Cash provided (used) by financing activities</b>	<b>(6,956,741)</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in cash</b>	<b>588,031</b>
Cash at beginning of period	131,457
<b>Cash at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 719,488</b>
<b>Supplemental Disclosure of Non-Cash Financing Activities:</b>	
Interest paid on floating rate notes	\$ (108,445)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

<b>Statement of Changes in Net Assets</b>		
	<b>Six Months Ended May 31, 2009 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>Year Ended November 30, 2008</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>		
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 5,438,362	\$ 10,407,352
Net realized gain (loss)	1,731,644	2,026,855
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	13,295,451	(29,375,941)
Dividends on preferred shares	(348,772)	(2,605,712)
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>20,116,685</b>	<b>(19,547,446)</b>
Distributions to common shareholders from:		
Net investment income	(4,593,925)	(7,278,219)
Fund share and paid-in capital transactions:		
Net proceeds from shares issued to common shareholders in reinvestment of distributions		34,793
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets from Fund share and paid-in capital transactions</b>		<b>34,793</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets</b>	<b>15,522,760</b>	<b>(26,790,872)</b>
Net assets at beginning of period	105,795,582	132,586,454
Net assets at end of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$2,063,664 and \$1,567,999, respectively)	<b>\$ 121,318,342</b>	<b>\$ 105,795,582</b>
<b>Other Information</b>		
Common shares outstanding at beginning of period	10,948,343	10,945,306
Shares issued to common shareholders in reinvestment of distributions		3,037
Common shares outstanding at end of period	10,948,343	10,948,343

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

## Financial Highlights

<b>Years Ended November 30,</b>	<b>2009<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Selected Per Share Data</b>						
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 9.66</b>	<b>\$ 12.11</b>	<b>\$ 12.48</b>	<b>\$ 12.29</b>	<b>\$ 12.26</b>	<b>\$ 12.23</b>
<i>Income (loss) from investment operations:</i>						
Net investment income <sup>b</sup>	.50	.95	.93	.93	.95	.98
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	1.37	(2.50)	(.42)	.23	.13	.03
<i>Dividends on preferred shares (common share equivalent):</i>						
From net investment income	(.03)	(.24)	(.24)	(.22)	(.15)	(.08)
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>(1.79)</b>	<b>.27</b>	<b>.94</b>	<b>.93</b>	<b>.93</b>
<i>Less distributions from:</i>						
Net investment income to common shareholders	(.42)	(.66)	(.66)	(.75)	(.90)	(.90)

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Reimbursement by advisor			.02			
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 11.08</b>	<b>\$ 9.66</b>	<b>\$ 12.11</b>	<b>\$ 12.48</b>	<b>\$ 12.29</b>	<b>\$ 12.26</b>
<b>Market value, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 10.80</b>	<b>\$ 7.80</b>	<b>\$ 10.89</b>	<b>\$ 12.26</b>	<b>\$ 14.15</b>	<b>\$ 12.38</b>
<b>Total Return</b>						
Based on net asset value (%) <sup>d</sup>	19.97**	(14.99) <sup>c</sup>	2.53 <sup>c,e</sup>	7.80 <sup>c</sup>	7.59	7.98
Based on market value (%) <sup>d</sup>	44.82**	(23.67)	(6.14)	(8.02)	22.68	5.58
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets and Supplemental Data</b>						
Net assets, end of period (\$ millions)	121	106	133	137	134	133
Ratio of expenses before fee reductions (%) (based on net assets of common shares, including interest expense) <sup>f,g</sup>	1.67*	1.90	1.64	1.26	1.31	1.25
Ratio of expenses after fee reductions (%) (based on net assets of common shares, including interest expense) <sup>f,h</sup>	1.67*	1.89	1.62	1.25	1.31	1.25
Ratio of expenses after fee reductions (%) (based on net assets of common shares, excluding interest expense) <sup>i</sup>	1.48*	1.33	1.26	1.25	1.31	1.25
<b>Years Ended November 30, (continued)</b>	<b>2009<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Ratio of net investment income (loss) (%) (based on net assets of common shares)	10.00*	8.34	7.56	7.55	7.60	8.03
Ratio of net investment income (loss) (%) (based on net assets of common and preferred shares)	6.09*	5.34	4.96	4.97	5.01	5.25
Portfolio turnover rate (%)	57**	65	44	41	19	15
Preferred shares information at end of period:						
Aggregate amount outstanding (\$ millions)	70	70	70	70	70	70
Asset coverage per share (\$) <sup>j</sup>	68,328	62,784	72,352	73,752	72,900	72,500
Liquidation and market value per share (\$)	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
<sup>a</sup> For the six months ended May 31, 2009 (Unaudited). <sup>b</sup> Based on average common shares outstanding during the period. <sup>c</sup> Total return would have been lower had certain fees not been reduced. <sup>d</sup> Total return based on net asset value reflects changes in the Fund's net asset value during each period. Total return based on market value reflects changes in market value. Each figure assumes that dividend and capital gain distributions, if any, were reinvested. These figures will differ depending upon the level of any discount from or premium to net asset value at which the Fund's shares traded during the period. <sup>e</sup> Includes a non-recurring reimbursement from the Advisor for a fee previously charged to the Fund. Excluding this non-recurring reimbursement, total return would have been 0.13% lower. <sup>f</sup> Interest expense represents interest and fees on short term floating rate notes issued in conjunction with inverse floating rate securities. Interest income from such transactions is included in income from investment operations. <sup>g</sup> The ratio of expenses before fee reductions (based on net assets of common and preferred shares, including interest expense) were 1.02%, * 1.22%, 1.07%, .83%, .86% and .82% for the periods ended May 31, 2009, November 30, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. <sup>f</sup> <sup>h</sup> The ratio of expenses after fee reductions (based on net assets of common and preferred shares, including interest expense) were 1.02%, * 1.21%, 1.07%, .82%, .86% and .82% for the periods ended May 31, 2009, November 30, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. <sup>f</sup> <sup>i</sup> The ratio of expenses after fee reductions (based on net assets of common and preferred shares, excluding interest expense) were .90%, * .86%, .83%, .82%, .86% and .82% for the periods ended May 31, 2009, November 30, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. <sup>j</sup> Asset coverage per share equals net assets of common shares plus the redemption value of the preferred shares divided by the total number of preferred shares outstanding at the end of the period. * Annualized ** Not annualized						

**Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited)**

**A. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies**

DWS Strategic Municipal Income Trust (the "Fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as a closed-end, diversified management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust.

The Fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America which require the use of management estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The policies described below are followed consistently by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

**Security Valuation.** Investments are stated at value determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange on each day the exchange is open for trading. Debt securities are valued by independent pricing services approved by the Trustees of the Fund, whose valuations are intended to reflect the mean between the bid and asked prices. If the pricing services are unable to provide valuations, the securities are valued at the mean of the most recent bid and asked quotations or evaluated price obtained from one or more broker-dealers. Such services may use various pricing techniques which take into account appropriate factors such as yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other data, as well as broker quotes.

Money market instruments purchased with an original or remaining maturity of sixty days or less, maturing at par, are valued at amortized cost.

Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available or for which the above valuation procedures are deemed not to reflect fair value are valued in a manner that is intended to reflect their fair value as determined in accordance with procedures approved by the Trustees. In accordance with the Fund's valuation procedures, factors used in determining value may include, but are not limited to, the type of the security, the size of the holding, the initial cost of the security, the existence of any contractual restrictions on the security's disposition, the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or of comparable companies, quotations or evaluated prices from broker-dealers and/or pricing services, information obtained from the issuer, analysts, and/or the appropriate stock exchange (for exchange-traded securities), an analysis of the company's financial statements, an evaluation of the forces that influence the issuer and the market(s) in which the security is purchased and sold and with respect to debt securities, the maturity, coupon, creditworthiness, currency denomination, and the movement of the market in which the security is normally traded. The value determined under these procedures may differ from published values for the same securities.

**New Accounting Pronouncement.** In April 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Staff Position No. 157-4, "Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly" ("FSP 157-4"). FSP 157-4 provides additional guidance for estimating fair value in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements," when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased as well as guidance on identifying circumstances that indicate a transaction is not orderly. FSP 157-4 is effective for fiscal years and interim periods ending after June 15, 2009. Management is currently reviewing the enhanced disclosure requirements for the adoption of FSP 157-4.

**Inverse Floaters.** Inverse floating rate notes are debt instruments with a weekly floating rate of interest that bears an inverse relationship to changes in short-term market interest rates. Investments in this type of instrument involve special risks as compared to investments in a fixed rate municipal security. The debt instrument in which the Fund may invest is a tender option bond trust (the "trust") which can be established by the Fund, a financial institution, or a broker consisting of underlying municipal obligations with intermediate to long maturities and a fixed interest rate ("underlying bond"). Other investors in the trust usually consist of money market fund investors receiving weekly floating interest rate payments who have put options with the financial institutions. The Fund may enter into shortfall and forbearance agreements by which the Fund agrees to reimburse the trust, in certain circumstances, for the difference between the liquidation value of the fixed rate municipal security held by the trust and the liquidation value of the floating rate notes. These transactions are considered a form of financing for accounting purposes. As a result, the Fund includes the underlying bond in its investment portfolio and a corresponding liability in the statement of assets and liabilities equal to the floating rate note issued. When a trust is terminated and/or collapsed by either party, the related fixed rate securities held by the trust are delivered back to the Fund where they are either held or sold, and

the related liability of the floating rate note issued is adjusted. The Fund does not consider the Fund's investment in inverse floaters borrowing within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Inverse floating rate notes exhibit added interest rate sensitivity compared to other bonds with a similar maturity. Moreover, since these securities are in a trust form, a sale may take longer to settle than the standard two days after the trade date.

The weighted average outstanding daily balance of the floating rate notes during the six months ended May 31, 2009 was approximately \$11,000,000, with a weighted average interest rate of 1.97%.

**When-Issued/Delayed Delivery Securities.** The Fund may purchase securities with delivery or payment to occur at a later date beyond the normal settlement period. At the time the Fund enters into a commitment to purchase a security, the transaction is recorded and the value of the security is reflected in the net asset value. The price of such security and the date when the security will be delivered and paid for are fixed at the time the transaction is negotiated. The value of the security may vary with market fluctuations. No interest accrues to the Fund until payment takes place. At the time the Fund enters into this type of transaction it is required to segregate cash or other liquid assets at least equal to the amount of the commitment.

Certain risks may arise upon entering into when-issued or delayed delivery securities from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their contracts or if the issuer does not issue the securities due to political, economic, or other factors. Additionally, losses may arise due to changes in the value of the underlying securities.

**Federal Income Taxes.** The Fund's policy is to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, which are applicable to regulated investment companies, and to distribute all of its taxable and tax-exempt income to its shareholders.

At November 30, 2008, the Fund had a net tax basis capital loss carryforward of approximately \$1,254,000, which may be applied against any realized net taxable capital gains of each succeeding year until fully utilized or until November 30, 2011 (\$1,069,000) and November 30, 2012 (\$185,000), the respective expiration dates, whichever occurs first.

The Fund has reviewed the tax positions for the open tax years as of November 30, 2008 and has determined that no provision for income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's federal tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

**Distribution of Income and Gains.** Net investment income of the Fund, if any, is declared and distributed to shareholders monthly. Net realized gains from investment transactions, in excess of available capital loss carryforwards, would be taxable to the Fund if not distributed, and, therefore, will be distributed to shareholders at least annually.

The timing and characterization of certain income and capital gains distributions are determined annually in accordance with federal tax regulations which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences primarily relate to certain securities sold at a loss and accretion of market discount on debt securities. As a result, net investment income (loss) and net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions for a reporting period may differ significantly from distributions during such period. Accordingly, the Fund may periodically make reclassifications among certain of its capital accounts without impacting the net asset value of the Fund.

The tax character of current year distributions will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

**Preferred Shares.** The Fund has issued and outstanding 2,800 Series T municipal auction rate cumulative preferred shares ("Preferred Shares"), at a liquidation value of \$25,000 per share. The Preferred Shares are senior to and have certain class specific preferences over the common shares. The dividend rate on the Preferred Shares is set through a "Dutch" auction process, and the dividends are generally paid every seven days. In the auction process, holders of the

Preferred Shares indicate the dividend rate at which they would be willing to hold or sell their Preferred Shares. An auction fails if there are more Preferred Shares offered for sale than there are buyers. If an auction fails, the Preferred Shares' dividend rate adjusts to a "maximum rate," which, based on current Preferred Share ratings (AAA as of May 31, 2009), is 110% times the higher of the "Taxable Equivalent of the Short-Term Municipal Bond Rate" (defined as the approximate taxable yield equivalent of the yield on short-term municipal securities derived by reference to the S&P Kenny 30-day High Grade Index) and the applicable AA Composite Commercial Paper Rate. In addition, existing Preferred Shareholders that submit sell orders in a failed auction may not be able to sell any or all of the shares for which they have submitted sell orders. Preferred Shareholders may sell their shares at the next scheduled auction, subject to the same risk that the subsequent auction will not attract sufficient demand for a successful auction to occur. Broker-dealers may also try to facilitate secondary trading in the Preferred Shares, although such secondary trading may be limited and may only be available for shareholders willing to sell at a discount.

During the six months ended May 31, 2009, the dividend rates ranged from 0.563% to 2.694%. The 1940 Act requires that the Preferred Shareholders of the Fund, voting as a separate class, have the right to: a) elect at least two trustees at all times, and b) elect a majority of the trustees at any time when dividends on the Preferred Shares are unpaid for two full years. Unless otherwise required by law or under the terms of the preferred shares designation statement, each Preferred Share is entitled to one vote and Preferred Shareholders will vote together with common shareholders as a single class and have the same voting rights.

Since February 2008, the Fund, like many other closed-end funds throughout the industry, has experienced failed auctions on its Preferred Shares. These auctions have failed because there were not enough bids to cover the shares for sale, indicating a lack of liquidity in the market. While repeated auction fails have affected the liquidity for the Preferred Shares, a failed auction does not represent a default or loss of capital of the Fund's Preferred Shares and the Preferred Shareholders have continued to receive dividends at the previously defined "maximum rate." As of May 31, 2009, the Preferred Shares of the Fund continue to be AAA rated by its respective rating agencies. Prolonged auction failures may increase the cost of leverage to the Fund. DWS continues to evaluate alternatives for restructuring the leverage of the Fund.

**Statement of Cash Flows.** Information on financial transactions which have been settled through the receipt and disbursement of cash is presented in the Statement of Cash Flows. The cash amount shown in the Statement of Cash Flows represents cash held at the Fund's custodian bank at May 31, 2009.

**Contingencies.** In the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet been made. However, based on experience, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

**Other.** Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade date plus one basis for daily net asset value calculations. However, for financial reporting purposes, investment transactions are reported on trade date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are recorded on an identified cost basis. All premiums and discounts are amortized/accreted for financial reporting purposes, with the exception of securities in default of principal.

## **B. Purchases and Sales of Securities**

During the six months ended May 31, 2009, purchases and sales of investment securities (excluding short-term investments) aggregated \$107,520,936 and \$108,932,557, respectively.

## **C. Related Parties**

**Management Agreement.** Under the Investment Management Agreement with Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc. ("DIMA" or the "Advisor"), an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bank AG, the Advisor directs the investments of the Fund in accordance with its investment objectives, policies and restrictions. The Advisor determines the securities, instruments and other contracts relating to investments to be purchased, sold or entered into by the Fund. In addition to portfolio management services, the Advisor provides certain administrative services in accordance with the Management Agreement. The management fee payable under the Investment Management Agreement is equal to an annualized rate of 0.60% of the Fund's average weekly net assets, computed and accrued daily and payable monthly.

**Service Provider Fees.** DWS Investments Service Company ("DISC"), an affiliate of the Advisor, is the transfer agent, dividend-paying agent and shareholder service agent for the Fund. Pursuant to a sub-transfer agency agreement between DISC and DST Systems, Inc. ("DST"), DISC has delegated certain transfer agent, dividend-paying agent and shareholder service agent functions to DST. DISC compensates DST out of the shareholder servicing fee it receives from the Fund. For the six months ended May 31, 2009, the amount charged to the Fund by DISC aggregated \$11,371, of which \$7,114 is unpaid.

**Typesetting and Filing Service Fees.** Under an agreement with DIMA, DIMA is compensated for providing typesetting and certain regulatory filing services to the Fund. For the six months ended May 31, 2009, the amount charged to the Fund by DIMA included in the Statement of Operations under "reports to shareholders" aggregated \$7,219, of which \$5,787 is unpaid.

**Trustees' Fees and Expenses.** The Fund paid each Trustee not affiliated with the Advisor retainer fees plus specified amounts for various committee services and for the Board Chairperson.

**Other Related Parties.** Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, an affiliate of the Advisor, is the auction agent with respect to the Preferred Shares. The auction agent pays each broker-dealer a service charge from funds provided by the Fund ("Auction Service Fee"). The Auction Service Fee charged to the Fund for the six months ended May 31, 2009 aggregated \$88,816, of which \$2,468 is unpaid.

In addition, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas charges an administration fee for Preferred Shares. The amount charged to the Fund for the six months ended May 31, 2009 aggregated \$2,912, of which \$2,772 is unpaid.

#### **D. Fee Reductions**

The Fund has entered into an arrangement with its custodian whereby credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances are used to reduce a portion of the Fund's custodian expenses. During the six months ended May 31, 2009, the Fund's custodian fee was reduced by \$5 for custody credits earned.

#### **E Line of Credit**

The Fund and other affiliated funds (the "Participants") share in a \$450 million revolving credit facility provided by a syndication of banks. The Fund may borrow for temporary or emergency purposes, including the meeting of redemption requests that otherwise might require the untimely disposition of securities. The Participants are charged an annual commitment fee which is allocated based on net assets, among each of the Participants. Interest is calculated at a rate per annum equal to the sum of the Federal Funds Rate plus 1.25 percent plus if LIBOR exceeds the Federal Funds Rate the amount of such excess. The Fund may borrow up to a maximum of 33 percent of its net assets under the agreement.

#### **Other Information**

##### **Certifications**

## Edgar Filing: DWS STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL INCOME TRUST - Form N-CSRS

The Fund's chief executive officer has certified to the New York Stock Exchange that, as of June 24, 2009, he was not aware of any violation by the Fund of applicable NYSE corporate governance listing standards. The Fund's reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Forms N-CSR and N-Q contain certifications by the Fund's chief executive officer and chief financial officer that relate to the Fund's disclosure in such reports and that are required by rule 30a-2 under the 1940 Act.

### Amended and Restated Bylaws

On March 11, 2009, the Fund's Board of Trustees amended and restated the Fund's by-laws in their entirety (the "Amended and Restated Bylaws"). The Amended and Restated Bylaws provide for, among other things, (i) a classified Board; (ii) certain advance notice requirements for a shareholder to properly bring a matter, including nominees for Trustee, before a shareholder meeting; and (iii) certain procedural requirements for shareholders to call a meeting of shareholders.

### Notice of Possible Share Repurchases

In accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Fund hereby gives notice that it may from time to time repurchase shares of the Fund in the open market at the option of the Board of Trustees and on such terms as the Trustees may determine.

## Shareholder Meeting Results (Unaudited)

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") of DWS Strategic Municipal Income Trust (the "Fund") was held on May 28, 2009 at the New York Marriott East Side, 525 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017. At the Meeting, the following matter was voted upon by the shareholders (the resulting votes are presented below).

### 1. Election of Trustees Class I

Number of Votes:		
	For	Withheld
Dawn-Marie Driscoll	9,170,223	617,251
Keith R. Fox	9,145,999	641,475
Richard J. Herring	9,109,408	678,066
William N. Searcy, Jr.	9,132,735	654,739

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Number of Votes:		
	For	Withheld
Robert H. Wadsworth	2,541	0
Axel Schwarzer	2,541	0

## Dividend Reinvestment Plan

A summary of the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan") is set forth below. Shareholders may obtain a copy of the entire Plan by visiting the Fund's Web site at [www.dws-investments.com](http://www.dws-investments.com) or by writing or calling DWS Investment Service Company ("DISC") at:

P.O. Box 219066  
Kansas City, Missouri 64121-9066  
(800) 294-4366

If you wish to participate in the Plan and your shares are held in your own name, simply contact DISC for the appropriate form. If your shares are held in the name of a broker or other nominee, you should contact the broker or nominee in whose name your shares are held to determine whether and how you may participate in the Plan. The Fund's transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent (the "Transfer Agent") will establish a Dividend Investment Account (the "Account") for each shareholder participating in the Plan. The Transfer Agent will credit to the Account of each participant any cash dividends and capital gains distributions (collectively, "Distributions") paid on shares of the Fund (the "Shares"). Shares in a participant's Account are transferable upon proper written instructions to the Transfer Agent. Upon request to the Transfer Agent, a certificate for any or all full Shares in a participant's Account will be sent to the participant.

If, on the record date for a Distribution (the "Record Date"), Shares are trading at a discount from net asset value per Share, funds credited to a participant's Account will be used to purchase Shares (the "Purchase"). The Plan Agent (currently Computershare Inc.) will attempt, commencing five days prior to the Payment Date and ending at the close of business on the Payment Date ("Payment Date" as used herein shall mean the last business day of the month in which such Record Date occurs), to acquire Shares in the open market. If and to the extent that the Plan Agent is unable to acquire sufficient Shares to satisfy the Distribution by the close of business on the Payment Date, the Fund will issue to the Plan Agent, Shares valued at net asset value per Share in the aggregate amount of the remaining value of the Distribution. If, on the Record Date, Shares are trading at a premium over net asset value per Share, the Fund will issue on the Payment Date Shares valued at net asset value per Share on the Record Date to the Transfer Agent in the aggregate amount of the funds credited to the participants' Accounts. The Fund will increase the price at which Shares may be issued under the Plan to 95% of the fair market value of the shares on the Record Date if the net asset value per Share of the Shares on the Record Date is less than 95% of the fair market value of the Shares on the Record Date.

The cost of Shares acquired for each participant's Account in connection with a Purchase shall be determined by the average cost per Share, including brokerage commissions, of the Shares acquired in connection with that Purchase. There will be no brokerage charges with respect to Shares issued directly by the Fund as a result of Distributions. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to open market purchases. Brokerage charges for purchasing small amounts of Shares for individual Accounts through the Plan can be expected to be less than the usual brokerage charges for such transactions, as the Plan Agent will be purchasing Shares for all participants in blocks and prorating the lower commission thus attainable.

A participant may from time to time make voluntary cash contributions to his Account in a minimum amount of \$100 (no more than \$500 may be contributed per month). Participants making voluntary cash investments will be charged a \$0.75 service fee for each such investment and will be responsible for their pro rata share of brokerage commissions. Please contact DISC for more information on voluntary cash contributions.

The Fund reserves the right to amend the Plan, including provisions with respect to any Distribution paid, subsequent to notice thereof sent to participants in the Plan at least ninety days before the record date for such Distribution, except when such amendment is necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable law or the rules or policies of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, in which case such amendment shall be effective as soon as practicable. The Plan may be terminated by the Fund.

Shareholders may withdraw from the Plan at any time by giving the Transfer Agent a written notice. A notice of withdrawal will be effective for the next Distribution following receipt of the notice by the Transfer Agent provided the notice is received by the Transfer Agent at least ten days prior to the Record Date for the Distribution. When a participant withdraws from the Plan, or when the Plan is terminated by the Fund, the participant will receive a certificate for full Shares in the Account, plus a check for any fractional Shares based on market price; or, if a Participant so desires, the Transfer Agent will notify the Plan Agent to sell his Shares in the Plan and send the proceeds to the participant, less brokerage commissions and a \$2.50 service fee.

Shareholders will receive tax information annually for personal records and to assist in preparation of their federal income tax returns. If Shares are purchased at a discount, the amount of the discount is considered taxable income and is added to the cost basis of the purchased Shares.

### Additional Information

<a href="#">Automated Information Line</a>	DWS Investments Closed-End Fund Info Line
	(800) 349-4281