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BLACKROCK STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL TRUST

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF Expires: **SECURITIES** Estimated average burden hours per Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, response... Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement BLACKROCK STRATEGIC MUNICIPAL TRUST BANK OF AMERICA CORP (Month/Day/Year) [BSD] /DE/ 12/31/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **BANK OF AMERICA** (Check all applicable) CORPORATE CENTER. 100 N TRYON ST _X_ 10% Owner Director (Street) Officer _ Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person CHARLOTTE, NCÂ 28255 _X_ Form filed by More than One **Reporting Person** (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 3. Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Auction Rate Preferred 328 (1) Ι By Subsidiary Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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		(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative
Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
		10% Owner	Officer	Other
BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/ BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER 100 N TRYON ST CHARLOTTE, NC 28255	Â	ÂX	Â	Â
Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C. 214 NORTH TRYON STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28255	Â	ÂX	Â	Â
Signatures				

Bank of America Corporation, /s/ Charles F. Bowman, Senior Vice President	01/12/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C., /s/ Kevin G. Finnegan, Vice President	01/12/2009
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The Auction Preferred Shares ("Shares") reported in Table I represent 328 Shares beneficially owned by Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C. ("Blue Ridge"). Blue Ridge is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation ("Bank of America").

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Remarks:

The 328 Shares reported herein represent Bank of America's combined holdings in multiple series of securities of the issuer, which are treated herein as one class of securities in accordance with th -- Global Exemptive Relief no-action letter issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC Bank of America undertakes to provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holda information regarding the number of equity securities of the issuer purchased or sold at each diff all transactions in such securities that occurred after Bank of America became a 10% owner butÂ filing.

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