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## **Mychajliw Announces Candidacy for Erie County Comptroller**

*Pledges Campaign of Protecting Taxpayers and Holding Politicians Accountable*

(Buffalo, New York) – Stefan Mychajliw, the former investigative journalist best known for in-depth reporting that uncovered many of the abuses and scandals that led to the Red Green Budget Crisis and subsequent reforms of County government, today officially announced his candidacy for Erie County Comptroller.

“For almost 20 years, I’ve spent my career fighting for taxpayers and standing up to politicians and holding them accountable for their actions. Taxpayers deserve someone who puts them ahead of politics. That’s why I am running for County Comptroller, because taxpayers know they can trust me to stand up for them,” said Mychajliw.

Born and raised on the East Side of Buffalo near William and Fillmore and the son of Ukrainian and Polish immigrants, Mychajliw became a prominent investigative journalist during his career. He was a member of the prominent “Red Coats” investigative team at the local NBC affiliate during the Erie County Budget Crisis in 2004 & 2005. His work uncovered historic abuses and waste of taxpayer dollars, and ultimately sparked a comprehensive series of reforms to Erie County government in the wake of the crisis.

The youngest of seven children, Mychajliw attended Buffalo Public School #33 in South Buffalo and the Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts. The Syracuse University graduate is a business owner who co-founded the public relations firm “Profit Media Group.” 25% of his company’s profits are donated to the Seneca-Babcock Community Center, located in one of Buffalo’s poorest neighborhoods.

“People deserve an independent watchdog as their Comptroller. I’ve demonstrated that when it comes to holding people in power accountable, I’ll do what’s right for taxpayers regardless of politics. I uncovered shameful examples of fraud, waste, and abuse in Erie County government. We rooted out corruption and graft, and shined a light on the games politicians played with taxpayer’s money,” stated Mychajliw.

“That hard work led to results, like reforming the Erie County Charter, and strengthening the role of the Comptroller’s office to be the taxpayer’s watchdog. But today, taxpayers have no such protection. Their unelected Comptroller was appointed by party bosses to protect politicians, not taxpayers. We need someone willing to stand up to the politicians and fight for taxpayers. I’ve done it as an investigative reporter, and I’ll do it as County Comptroller,” said Mychajliw.

“As a business owner, I have the experience of managing a budget and payroll. And, because of my time as an independent watchdog, I also understand how county government operates. I pored through budget lines to discover county patronage hires thumbing their noses at taxpayers and the law by brazenly refusing to reduce their pay, even though the budget required them to. And, even though they belonged to same political party I did, I held them accountable,” added Mychajliw, who has received the Republican, Independence, and Conservative Party endorsements.

The 38-year-old lives in Kaisertown where he raises his six-year-old daughter Mia Theresa Mychajliw.

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