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Person Making Expenditure: A Brighter Tomorrow

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Independent Expenditures

Refers to: (candidate name) Kerry Murphy **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $4,764.65 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Betsy Kelly **Election Year:** 2026

☐ In Support of Candidate ☑ In Opposition of Candidate

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Amount of Expenditure: $4,764.65 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Kerry Murphy **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $12,102.72 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

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Refers to: (candidate name) Aaron Holley **Election Year:** 2026

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Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $3,411.81 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Daniel Linville **Election Year:** 2026

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Refers to: (candidate name) Frank Sturm **Election Year:** 2026

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Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $7,846.36 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Aaron Holley **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $19,432.00 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Frank Sturm **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $21,551.53 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

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Refers to: (candidate name) Guy Ward **Election Year:** 2026

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Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $7,086.48 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Guy Ward **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $11,899.73 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Phillip Surface **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: CSG, Inc

Amount of Expenditure: $22,939.89 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

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Refers to: (candidate name) Steven Eshenaur **Election Year:** 2026

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Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $11,517.44 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Eric Tarr **Election Year:** 2026

☐ In Support of Candidate ☑ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $17,561.16 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Phillip Surface **Election Year:** 2026

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Amount of Expenditure: $17,561.16 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

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Refers to: (candidate name) Steven Eshenaur **Election Year:** 2026

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Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $16,277.75 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

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Refers to: (candidate name) Kevan Bartlett **Election Year:** 2026

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Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $16,277.75 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Bill Hamilton **Election Year:** 2026

☑ In Support of Candidate ☐ In Opposition of Candidate

Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $7,319.18 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

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Refers to: (candidate name) Bill Hamilton **Election Year:** 2026

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Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $8,360.49 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

Election Cycle: ☑ Primary ☐ General ☐ Special

Refers to: (candidate name) Robert Karnes **Election Year:** 2026

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Paid to: CSG, Inc.

Amount of Expenditure: $8,360.49 **Date of Expenditure:** 4/22/26

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Lou Ann Johnson, swear or affirm that the attached statement is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, for all financial transactions occurring within the period covered by this statement. I also swear or affirm that all expenditures listed were not made in cooperation, consultation, or concert, with, or at the request or suggestion of, any candidate or any authorized committee or agent of such candidate.

Signature: _____ **Date:** 4/23/26

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