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## ASSESSOR FITZMORRIS ANNOUNCES RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN

**Abita Springs, LA, Tuesday, Sep. 1, 2015**— Louis Fitzmorris has announced his candidacy for re-election as Assessor of St. Tammany Parish. Four years ago, Fitzmorris was elected Assessor as a reform candidate. The political establishment said he didn't have a shot. The good people of St. Tammany proved them wrong.

He has brought his experience as Mayor of Abita Springs and a business owner to work for all the taxpayers of the parish.

"Many changes were made," Fitzmorris said of the conditions of the previous assessor's office.

"Thousands of properties were improperly assessed. I believe that placing more properties on the tax rolls results in everyone paying their fair share of taxes. This should result in the opportunity to have a reduction of the millage, or tax rate, property owners must bear. Because of this, we are proud to have been able to lower our millages at the assessor's office." Fitzmorris said.

Education and training were implemented in every department. Advancements were made in technology and with the geographic information systems; a mapping technology that allows users to interact with maps and data. All appraisers attended certified training classes.

Importantly, customer service education was also instituted.

Fitzmorris says he is proud of what has been accomplished at the assessor's office in the last two and half years since his term began. "I hope the people of St. Tammany Parish will allow us to continue our efforts to serve the public with fairness, efficiency and responsiveness," Fitzmorris continued.

Fitzmorris is a graduate of Louisiana State University where he earned a degree in Agricultural Economics. He lives in Abita Springs with his wife of 33 years, Tawnya and has three children. He is a parishioner at St. Jane de Chantal Catholic Church.

Qualifying dates for the St. Tammany Parish Assessor election are September 8, 9, and 10. The primary election is Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, and early voting is Oct. 10 – 17.