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McClure Announces Campaign for St Augustine Mayor

Conservative businessman, a proven results-oriented leader, Accredited County Commissioner from 2012-2016 is running because the status quo of “we are working on it” must end. Now is the time to solve current problems and look to the future, and I have a plan.

May 30, 2018- (Saint Augustine, FL) -- Bill McClure, a local business-man who has spent his career in the private sector building successful businesses and creating hundreds of jobs in Florida, today formally announced his campaign to run for the Mayor of the City of St Augustine.

“I believe the residents of St Augustine must benefit from the rich history we have here. Looking at traffic, flooding, and the effects of growth, I would ask city residents one question: are you better off than you were four years ago? I’m a proven problem solver and your problems will be my priorities. We can do better but it takes a new vision. I’m a reformer who produces the right results. It’s time for real progress and positive results on traffic, flooding, managing growth, and keeping taxes low. We are unbalanced in our taxation strategy.” said McClure.

As a St. Johns County commissioner from 2012-2016, Bill McClure demonstrated his commitment to conservative principles by casting the deciding vote against a 1 cent sales tax referendum designed to bail out special interests. Instead, Bill implemented a fiscally conservative plan that rejuvenated St. Johns County and led to national recognition by CNN Money as one of the top job creating regions in the country. Under Bill’s leadership, St John’s County added more than 11,000 new jobs, refinanced its debt, and drastically improved its bond rating from AA- to AA+. During his tenure as commissioner, he led the initiatives to:

- **Repeal more than 300 old or obscure laws, rather than propose more government laws**
- **Refinance the County debt, resulting in a savings of over \$42 million in interest to the taxpayers**
- **Slow Residential Growth to a manageable, self-sustaining pace, while denying many projects that were not in the best public interest for taxpayers**
- **Create a financing venue of \$150 million dollars for schools, to replace a \$250,000.00 per month lease payment for portable structures**
- **Create the largest Non-Residential Area (new mall area) with over 60 million dollars in road improvements paid for, upfront, by developers**
- **Increase Commercial Tax base from 9% in 2012 to 14% in 2016**
- **Decrease unemployment from 8.5% in 2012 to 3.2% in 2016**
- **Defeat a 1 cent sales tax proposal for city and county residents**
- **Increase millions of dollars for funding for public safety and infrastructure**
- **Lower reliance upon property taxes to fund operations**

For more information and to receive updates on Bill’s campaign, sign up at www.BillMcClure.com.