St. George Press Release

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Statement on Mayor-President Broome's St. George Lawsuit

The decision by Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome and two private citizens to challenge the October 12, 2019 election results in favor of incorporating the City of St. George is at best, an attempt to delay the incorporation of the City of St. George, and at worst, an attempt to undermine a lawful election.

The merits of incorporating the City of St. George were vetted by the public and in the press for many years prior to a single vote being cast. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent by opposition groups to send false and misleading information to registered voters in an attempt to dissuade them from voting in favor of incorporation. The opposition's attempts were resoundingly rejected by the more than 17,000 registered voters who voted to incorporate St. George, resulting in a resounding eight percentage point victory in a high voter turnout election, held on the specific date Mayor-President Broome requested Governor Edwards to set the election on.

The organizers listed in this lawsuit represent over 32,000 people who participated in the democratic process and over 80,000 residents of the future City of St. George. It is our genuine desire that Mayor-President Broome accept the will of the voters that St. George be governed as a separate municipality. We look forward to demonstrating how the City of St. George can be an asset to East Baton Rouge Parish, making it a better place to do business and a better place to call home.

Norman Browning and Chris Rials
Co-Chairmen, St. George Incorporation

Sincerely,

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