

FAIR ELECTION PRACTICES COMMITTEE - COMPLAINT FORM - 2018

FROM:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Work _____ Cell _____
Email address _____
Candidate for _____

REGARDING:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Work _____ Cell _____
Email address _____
Candidate for _____

COMPLAINT FILING PROCEDURES:

1. The FEPC will accept complaints beginning on August 15, 2018. The Committee will review complaints by candidates as they come in. Complaints must be received within ten (10) days of an initial publication, distribution or occurrence of alleged unfair materials or ads. Complaints occurring in the final six days before the election must be filed by noon of the day before Election Day. **No hearings will be held on or after Election Day.**
2. **Only candidates who sign and submit The Pledge by Wednesday, September 12, 2018 may file complaints.** Complaints filed by a candidate’s representative with the candidate’s approval will be recognized. Candidates may file only one complaint per advertisement, handout, statement, mailing, news report or incident.
3. In order to register a complaint with the Fair Election Practices Committee, you must send the complaint form and all supporting materials to the Committee Chair, Jim Morris. **Be concise.** The Committee **strongly prefers** all documents be delivered to the Committee as a Portable Digital File (PDF) or as a JPEG image file sent to jmorris@morrisatty.com. Documents may also be delivered to the Committee by hand or mail in care of Jim Morris, 120 Corporate Woods, Suite 240, Rochester, NY 14623 or by fax (585) 292-5793 (with a cover sheet addressed to the Committee Chair). If you have questions, call Jim Morris at (585) 292-5750 ext. 2. A hearing will not be scheduled unless and until the complaint form has been completed and all relevant materials are in the Committee’s possession.
4. ***On the same day*** that the complaint is filed with the FEPC, **a hard copy of all the relevant materials MUST be sent by the serving candidate by certified mail or hand delivered to the candidate complained against** at the opposing candidate’s address on file with the Monroe County Board of Elections. It is **strongly** recommended that the serving candidate deliver a duplicate copy of the complaint package to a staff member at the affiliated political party headquarters (e.g., Democrat, Republican, Conservative, Independence, Working Families, Green, Women’s Equality, Reform) of the candidate complained against. While direct service to the candidate complained against is adequate, dual service will guarantee full compliance without controversy.
5. All decisions will be released by the Committee Chair to the candidates and the news media as soon as possible after the votes are taken. The Committee will not delay public release of its decision even if unable to make direct contact with the candidates. The decision will state whether allegations are valid or invalid. There is no “appeal” process. All decisions by the Committee are final.
6. ***Neither the League of Women Voters nor The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester will be involved in the Fair Election Practices Committee’s complaint review process.***

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT:

Newspaper ad or brochure: _____ Date: _____

Radio or T.V. Station: _____ Date/Time aired: _____

Other: _____ Date: _____

*If possible, please include a copy of any related material (print, video tape, audio tape, news clipping, etc.). The Committee highly values full documentation; however, **be concise**. Please limit documentation to **no more than 20 pages**.*

Briefly describe below what you claim is in violation of the Pledge.

I CERTIFY THAT COPIES OF THIS COMPLAINT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE PERSON COMPLAINED AGAINST AS REQUIRED.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Complainant)