

FAIR ELECTION PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Decision Notification Form

ELECTION: Pittsford: Supervisor, Town Board Candidates (2)

CANDIDATES: Mary Gehl Doyle, Jared Lusk, William A, Smith, JR.,
Stephanie Townsend, Kevin Beckford

CLAIMANT: Mary Gehl Doyle and Jared Lusk (Combined for simplification)

DATE

COMPLAINTS

RECEIVED: October 23, 2017

ITEM:

THE COMPLAINT ALLEGES VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PLEDGE IN REGARD TO FACEBOOK POSTS AND CAMPAIGN MAILERS

COMPLAINT:

This complaint in essence claims statements of “false statements which misrepresent the record or message of the complainants” that are taken out of context and deceptive and in violation of the pledge.

DECISION:

The committee finds violations by Ms. Townsend and Mr. Beckford of Fair Campaign Pledge **#1**. Which states: **I will conduct my campaign accurately and honestly...**

The specific violations concern misrepresentations of the following:

1) The statement that “Most Pittsford Town Meetings last less than 25 minutes”; 2) The statement that “In the past 7 years Administrative Salaries have gone up 44%”; 3) The statement there were misrepresentations to the Public regarding use of space of the Spiegel Community Center.

DATE OF

DECISION: October 27, 2017

The *Fair Election Practices Committee* can be reached by phone at (585) 292-5750 ext. 11 or by mail in care of 120 Corporate Woods, Suite 240, Rochester, New York 14623.