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2017 Fair Election Practices Campaign begins

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As the 2017 Monroe County elections close in, the Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC) kicks into gear, offering candidates a chance to pledge their dedication to fair, policy-oriented runs.

Starting in the 1970s, the FEPC is collaboration between the League of Women Voters of the Rochester Metropolitan area and the Interfaith Alliance of Rochester. The goal of the pledge is to promote candidates who practice positive, issue-focused campaigns, Kris Rogers of the League of Women Voters said.

“We want to see positive campaigns from people running for office,” Rogers said. “Campaigns that are focused on issue and policy, rather than insulting of their opponents.”

The pledge, Rogers said, is completely non-partisan, with signatures from both Republicans and Democrats posted onto the [League’s website](#). As of Aug. 17, two candidates had signed the pledge: Perinton Town Council candidate Joshua Foladare and Webster Town Council candidate Megan Thompson. As signers come in, the list is consistently updated.

“It is our belief that elections should be fair and balanced, and focused not on rivalry, but on the issues and policy that are going to effect the public.”

As the elections heat up, the campaign will host a press conference, as candidates place their official signatures onto the pledge in the Monroe County Office Building atrium at noon on Thursday, Sept. 7.