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Candidates for Office Sign Pledge for Accurate and Honest Campaigns

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Candidates running for public office in Monroe County had a chance to sign a pledge as part of the League of Women Voters Fair Election Practices campaign.

So far, 12 candidates have signed the pledge for the 2012 election.

This campaign dates back to the 1970s. It's designed to promote positive campaigns that address the issues.

The actual pledge contains six statements the League of Women Voters says will ensure a campaign is accurate and honest. Candidates have to agree stay away from attacks on their opponents character, images, and quotes taken out of context.

Candidates who feel that someone has violated the Fair Election Practices can file a complaint with the committee.

"The most important thing for our democracy is an informed voter. This is one way of trying to ensure that and it gives candidates a chance to say hey wait a minute that is not fair and it gives them a chance to get their message across," said Georgia DeGregorio, League of Women Voters/RMA president.

The League of Women Voters says signing the pledge means candidates can publically promote that they support a fair campaign. Candidates who do not sign the pledge can still file a complaint.

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