

FAIR ELECTION PRACTICES CAMPAIGN – COMPLAINT FORM 2020

FROM:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Work _____ Cell _____
Email address _____
Candidate for _____
Email of Candidate's representative _____

REGARDING:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone Work _____ Cell _____
Email address _____
Candidate for _____
Email of Candidate's representative _____

COMPLAINT FILING PROCEDURES:

1. The FEPC Hearing Committee will accept and 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. **No hearings will be held on or after Election Day.**
2. **Only Candidates who sign and submit The Pledge by the due date 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 FEPC Hearing Committee, you must send the complaint form and supporting materials to the Committee Chair, Rob Brown. **Be concise.** The Committee requests that all documents be **emailed** to the Committee as PDF or JPEG files to rbrown@esopplus.com with a cc: to fepc@lwv-rma.org. Documents may also be delivered by hand or mail in care of Chair Rob Brown, 30 Colby Street, Rochester, NY 14610 (with a cover sheet addressed to the Chair). If you mail or deliver the materials by hand, please let Rob know by email. If you have questions, call Rob Brown at (585) 512-3414 ext. 2 (Please leave a message if there is no answer). A hearing will not be scheduled unless and until the complaint form has been completed and all relevant materials are in the Hearing Committee's possession. Copies of printed material, including relevant photographs and other illustrations must be clear in any electronically submitted documents.
4. ***On the same day*** that the complaint is filed with the Hearing Committee, **a copy of all the relevant materials MUST be sent by the serving candidate by email or 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, or Green) of the candidate complained against. While direct service to the candidate complained against is adequate, dual service will help ensure full compliance without controversy.
5. All decisions will be released by the Hearing Committee Chair to the candidates and the news media as soon as possible after the votes are taken. The Hearing Committee will not delay public release of its decision even if unable to make direct contact with the candidates. The decision will state whether the 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 Campaign Hearing Committee's complaint review and decision 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)