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*FAIR ELECTION PRACTICES CAMPAIGN
RESTARTED FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION*

The League of Women Voters-Rochester Metropolitan Area (LWV-RMA) and The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR) announce the re-start of the Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC) for the 2020 General Election season. LWV-RMA and TIAR each year encourage all candidates for public office to run positive, issues-oriented campaigns, because we believe positive campaigns that address important issues are *winning* campaigns. This remains true especially during these times of public unrest and the continuing COVID-19 health crisis, when discussion of the issues and possible solutions is needed.

The FEPC has mailed all General Election candidates, for non-judicial office, the materials needed to participate in the FEPC process, including the opportunity to sign a Fair Campaign Pledge to publicly commit to running positive, issues-oriented campaigns. The names of all General Election candidates who sign the Pledge by September 29, 2020 will be posted on the League of Women Voters-Rochester Metropolitan Area website at www.lww-rma.org.

Due to the continued State-wide and local guidance on physical distancing during the COVID-19 health crisis, the FEPC Hearing Committee will be holding **virtual meetings only** to hear formal complaints and address compliance during the General Election season. The materials required to file a formal complaint and the process to be followed in the virtual hearings are also available on the LWV-RMA website. Only those candidates who have signed the Pledge by September 29, 2020 may file a complaint against her or his opponent.

For more information about the Pledge and the FEPC, please visit the LWV-RMA website.

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