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Fair election campaign kicks off

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The Fair Election Practices Campaign is underway.

All candidates have been asked to sign a pledge to promote issue-oriented and civil campaigning for public office. The public pledge signing and press conference will be at noon Sept. 3 in the atrium of the Monroe County Office Building, 39 W. Main St.

The Fair Election Practices Committee was established to hear complaints from those who feel their opponent has violated the pledge.

The selection of the FEPC members is done by the League of Women Voters/Rochester Metro Area and The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester. Two members are selected who have been politically involved as Republicans and two as Democrats. In the search for the four members of the committee, a major effort is made to select individuals who are known for fairness and sound judgment and can be relied upon to weigh the facts and reach conclusions based only on the evidence and not their partisan leanings.

A fifth person is selected as chairperson, who must possess a level of honesty, integrity and lack of bias that is recognized by the community at large.

To maintain balance on the FEPC, three alternates from each party are also selected to serve in the place of a committee member who is unable to participate in any particular hearing.

The 2013 FEPC Committee members are: Chairperson Jim Morris, Ralph Esposito, Lois Giess, Channing Philbrick, Kay Wallace; alternates: John Curran, Tom Frey, Jean Keplinger, Peter Knapp, Michael Miller, Jim Peters, Sue Roberts and Carol Saum.

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