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The Fair Election Practices Campaign began on Aug. 12.

This year the Pledge Signing/Press Conference will be at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 8 in the Atrium of the Monroe County Office Building. Candidates who have signed or wish to sign the pledge are welcome to attend, be photographed and speak with the media. The event is open to the public.

The campaign was first established in the 1970s to promote issue-oriented and civil campaigning among candidates for public office. All candidates have been asked to sign a pledge to that effect. The Fair Election Practices Committee was established to hear complaints from those who feel their opponent has violated the pledge.

The League of Women Voters/Rochester Metro Area and The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester are encouraging all candidates for public office to run positive, issues-oriented campaigns. Some candidates feel that negative ads are effective. The League and TIAR believe campaigns that address important issues are winning campaigns and urge candidates to publicly commit to running a positive, issues-oriented campaign.

Signers may be found at lww-rma.org. The pledge List is regularly updated. If a candidate violates the pledge, a complaint may be filed and a hearing will be conducted by a hearing panel. All decisions will be sent to the media and posted on the league website. The FEPC documents can be found at the league website.

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