

2025 CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

Every candidate for public office has an obligation to observe and uphold basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play in order that, after a vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaign, citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and informed choice. Public office is a public trust. Every candidate for public office is expected by the voters to adhere to the following basic principles:

1. I WILL conduct my campaign for public office in an honorable manner, participating in fair public debate with respect to my views and qualifications, presenting my record and policies truthfully.
2. I WILL NOT engage in or permit unfair or misleading attacks upon the character or patriotism of my opponent; nor will I engage in invasions of personal privacy unrelated to campaign issues or appeal to prejudice based upon race, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age or marital status.
3. I WILL NOT use or permit the use of any campaign material that distorts, misrepresents, or falsifies the facts regarding my opponents; I will not participate in and will condemn the use of personal vilification and other attacks that I do not believe to be truthful, provable and relevant to the campaign. Nor will I permit the use of campaign material that falsely implies the support of any individual or organization when no such support exists.
4. I WILL immediately and publicly repudiate support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent(s), to activities that violate the letter and spirit of this Code of Fair Campaign Practices. I will accept responsibility for the actions of those associated with my campaign who violate any provision of this Code or laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned candidate for election to public office, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to and promise to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices. I understand that citizens, the media and local Campaign Watch Committee will hold me accountable to adhere to the principles of this Code.

Candidate's Signature

Candidate's Printed Name

Office Sought

Date of Subscription to Code

Return this Code to:

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