The Citizen Advocacy Center is devoted to strengthening civic engagement and holding government entities accountable.

CAC’s community lawyers work at the local level and have a regional and statewide impact. We work with community members to address systemic issues of public concern through pursuing democratic reforms.

ABOUT CAC

The Citizen Advocacy Center is a meaningful and important link between residents and their elected officials. Occasionally irritating to the latter, but always helpful to the former, I’ve always been impressed with CAC’s interest in good government.

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CAC conducts audits and publishes reports that examine public body policies to assess meaningful transparency, accessibility, and accountability practices.

CAC produces and identifies model legislation, ordinances, policies and best practices to maximize government transparency, accessibility, and accountability, which in turn enhances civic engagement.

Democracy Audits

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Public Comment & Testimony

Government Monitoring

CAC lawyers address public officials at government meetings to address myriad issues affecting democracy.

CAC monitors government for undemocratic policies and laws that deter or prevent meaningful civic engagement and will take action to reform or remove anti-democratic barriers.

CAC fields inquiries from government entities and public officials who wish to discuss how to encourage civic engagement and identify non-compliance issues, and learn more about whistleblower statutes.

Government Accountability