

## ABOUT CAC

**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.

## ISSUES CAC WORKS ON

- Open Meetings Act (OMA)
- Public record requests (FOIA)
- First Amendment rights and the Press Rights for Student Journalists Act
- Public record retention
- Economic development
- Tax increment financing (TIF)
- Zoning/Land Use
- Procurement
- Home Rule
- Ethics
- Ballot access/Elections
- Campaign finance regulations
- Census/Redistricting
- Lobbying
- Governmental Law

## OUR MISSION

The Citizen Advocacy Center is dedicated to building democracy for the 21st century by strengthening the citizenry's capacities, resources, and institutions for self-governance.

**All CAC services are free.**

“CAC 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.

*PAUL FICHTNER, DuPage County Board Member 2004-2018*

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## RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS



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## DEMOCRACY AUDITS

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



## MODEL LEGISLATION & MORE

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT & TESTIMONY

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



## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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 MONITORING

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.