The Citizen Advocacy Center is a public interest legal organization devoted to strengthening civic engagement at the local level and holding government entities accountable.

CAC community lawyers supervise all students. For a list of possible projects, please visit our website. While CAC internships are unpaid, we will support students’ applications for funding.

My attitudes on local government and civic engagement have been transformed by CAC.

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CAC lawyers are available to answer questions about their First Amendment rights and other issues.