



Common Cause Hawaii

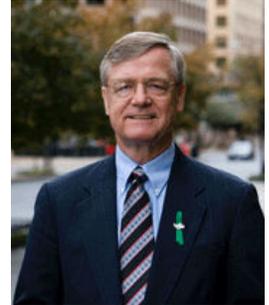
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YOU'RE INVITED: 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

It's been forty years since the founding of our Hawaii chapter! Join us at our **40th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, April 30, 2011, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, for a beautiful lunch with an ocean view at the Outrigger Canoe Club in Waikiki. We'll celebrate four decades of citizen action with Common Cause, recognize Common Cause Hawaii leaders from 1971 to today, and look ahead to the future of the democracy movement in Hawaii and beyond.

National Common Cause President Bob Edgar will share the latest from Washington, D.C. with a keynote speech, **"Supreme Conflicts of Interest: Clarence Thomas, the Koch Brothers, and Citizens United."** Nikki Love, Executive Director of Common Cause Hawaii, will speak about creating a democracy agenda for Hawaii, and James Koshiba, Executive Director of Kanu Hawaii, will give remarks on building coalitions for island-style activism.

Join us to celebrate and build our movement for the future! RSVP by April 22 with the enclosed form, or register online at www.commoncausehawaii.org.



*Common Cause President
Bob Edgar*

AT THE CAPITOL

Common Cause Hawaii has launched new efforts to get citizens involved the legislative process. We joined forces with partner organization Kanu Hawaii to organize two legislative workshops, "Find Your Voice" and "Use Your Voice," featuring legislators, Public Access Room experts, and experienced activists. Next, we launched our new "Rotunda Roundups" – informal weekly gatherings in the State Capitol to help citizens navigate the legislature.



Citizens at our Rotunda Roundup at the State Capitol

Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. during the legislative session, we review the legislative calendar, discuss how citizens can take action, provide updates on important bills, and talk with legislators and activists. For upcoming topics, visit the "Rotunda Roundups" page on our website or follow us on Twitter @CommonCauseHI.

Common Cause Hawaii has been busy at the legislature again this year. Hot topics we've been following include: ethics and gifts (SB671), online voter registration (HB545), election day registration (HB343), instant runoff voting (HB638), campaign finance (HB257, HB872, HB1575), shield law for media (HB1376), and public access to consumer information (HB1141).

Our efforts have led to great media coverage and public awareness of important good-government issues. In just the past few months, Common Cause Hawaii staff and board members have spoken out for the public interest in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser, Civil Beat, Hawaii Reporter, KITV, PBS Hawaii, Hawaii Public Radio, and political blogs. Find links to all the coverage on the "In The News" page on our website, or connect with us on Twitter or Facebook.

Keep watching and stay involved! The 2011 legislature will adjourn on May 5.

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REDISTRICTING 2011

It's time for the once-a-decade process of reapportionment and redistricting! The state's Reapportionment Commission has been appointed by the legislature and will begin holding meetings to redraw the maps of Hawaii's legislative districts.

In collaboration with other citizen groups, Common Cause Hawaii will be watchdogging the redistricting process. We need your help! Contact us today and join our volunteer efforts to hold the commission accountable to the public interest and promote a fair, honest, and open redistricting process.

CELEBRATE WITH US

Join the party!

40th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday April 30, 2011

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Outrigger Canoe Club

Featuring a keynote speech by President Bob Edgar: "Supreme Conflicts of Interest: Clarence Thomas, the Koch Brothers, and Citizens United."

See details on the front page.

1,000 FOLLOWERS!

Common Cause Hawaii now has more than 1,000 Twitter followers and 200 Facebook Group members! Find us online and join the conversation....

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SUPPORT OUR WORK

We can't do it without you! Please consider supporting our work with a donation to Common Cause Hawaii. Running an active chapter depends on local support, and your donation will help fund our chapter's staff, events, communications, legislative advocacy, and more.

To support our work, please send a check payable to "Common Cause" to Common Cause Hawaii, P.O. Box 22703, Honolulu, HI 96823.

Because we lobby on issues that affect our government, contributions to Common Cause are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please donate to "Common Cause Education Fund." Mahalo!