

ABOUT COMMON CAUSE

Our Mission

Common Cause is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy. We work to create open, honest, and accountable government that serves the public interest; promote equal rights, opportunity, and representation for all; and empower all people to make their voices heard in the political process.

Our Work

Common Cause achieves our successes, laying the foundation for a stronger 21st century democracy, with a variety of tools and activities:



Grassroots & Online Organizing



Litigation



Coalition Building



Ballot Initiatives



Research



Lobbying & Policy Development



Public Education



Media Outreach

Our Movement in Hawaii

In Hawaii, Common Cause has over 4,800 members and advocates across the state who are committed to action. Our organization was one of the leaders in the fight for vote by mail, and now that the measure has been adopted, we are working with our coalition partners to hold government accountable in the implementation of this landmark reform. In Hawaii, we are also focusing our education and outreach efforts on the 2020 Census. The threat of a massive undercount in Hawaii — particularly in hard to count areas — is very real. Such an undercount may cost Hawaii millions in federal funding. Common Cause Hawaii has made mitigating a census undercount a top issue in its action agenda, holding meetings with government officials, encouraging and assisting residents in forming complete count committees in their local communities, and raising public awareness of the importance of responding to the census. Common Cause Hawaii remains committed to our core issue of democratic representation through our "gut and replace" litigation, ethics reform, and reducing the influence of special interest groups in politics.



Commitment To Building a Democracy That Works for Everyone

Americans across the political spectrum have had enough of a government that is not transparent, is unethical, and serves special interests and not the people's interests. The people are demanding a change and end to the attacks on our democracy. Everyone clearly understands the underlying problems and is in search of solutions. By mobilizing our over 4,800 members and activists in Hawaii to advocate for common sense rules that puts power in the hands of everyday people and hold elected officials accountable, we are building a 21 century democracy where everyone has a voice in our government.

Join Us

Common Cause Hawaii is comprised of over 4,800 members and supporters across Hawaii. We are YOUR voice for transparency, openness, and accountability. With your support, we will continue to fight for a representative, responsive government that reflects our state.

What We Do



Expand Voting Rights & Election Integrity

- Advance automatic voter registration legislation
- Work with election officials to ensure our elections are fair & secure
- Fight for increased options for convenient registration & voting



Reduce Money's Influence

- Pass, protect, & expand citizen funded elections programs & other small donor reforms
- Advance & defend money in politics disclosure laws
- Education the public how to follow the money in local & state elections



Ensure Fair Districts & Reflective Democracy

- Protect the integrity of the 2020 Census
- Work for racial & gender equity in democracy
- Encourage all to participate in the democratic process for a more reflective democracy



Create Ethical & Open Government

- Monitor ethics in state & local governments
- Strengthen laws to give the people more access to public records & meetings
- Advocate for stronger ethical standards & penalties for their violations



Protect Free, Open, & Accountable Media

- Fight the corporate consolidation of our media
- Work to ensure that everyone in Hawaii has access to high-speed Internet
- Protect freedom of the press & help restore net neutrality



Protect The Constitution, Courts, & Other Democracy Reforms

- Stop calls for a dangerous Article V constitutional convention
- Promote reforms that ensure fair courts & an independent judiciary
- Ensure government is accessible & responsive to all people