



2012-2014 CCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION

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Roles of Board and Management

The activities of California Common Cause are currently directed by a 15-member board. Board members are appointed after a selection process by the Board and Chair.

The California Common Cause Board serves as an advisory board and serves as a fundraising and policy advisory group to the Executive Director and does not have fiduciary or supervisory responsibility for the organization.

California Common Cause (501(c)4)

California Common Cause's business is conducted by its employees under the direction of the Executive Director. The Executive Director serves as an employee of Common Cause, a 501(c)4 Corporation headquartered in Washington D.C. The CA Common Cause Board serves as a fund raising and policy advisory group to the Executive Director and has no legal or fiduciary responsibility for the organization.

Director Responsibilities, Time Commitment and Meeting Attendance

The full board generally meets a minimum of four times per year. This usually means a time commitment of 5-8 hours per scheduled meeting in either Northern or Southern California, or at other locations as identified in the annual schedule. Additional time to prepare for meetings, study proposals, review information, and complete assignments is also required. Board members should expect to spend approximately 2+ hours per month on board and committee work, such as campaigning, advocacy, or fundraising for the organization. In addition, Board members are asked to fundraise or donate \$1000 annually.

Board members are not compensated for their service. Due to our non-profit budget, travel and other expenses for board business are covered by individual members and not reimbursed by California Common Cause.

Directors should be committed to serve on the board a minimum of one term. A term is defined as a two-year period. Alternatively, you could be chosen as a Chair appointee. Terms for a chair appointee are one year and are renewable. For 2012, new board members are expected to be elected in January and July. Information about California Common Cause's current directors can be found at: <http://www.commoncause.org/site/pp.asp?c=dkLNK1MQlwG&b=4946949>



Board Applicant Criteria

- Directors should possess the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values and be committed to representing the best interests of California Common Cause.
- Must have an interest in democracy issues, public policy and civic engagement.
- Candidate should have knowledge of California Common Cause's recent initiatives.
- General leadership and demonstrated initiative taking is very helpful.
- Directors must be willing to devote sufficient time to carry out their duties and responsibilities effectively, and should be committed to serve on the board throughout their term.

Additionally, helpful background includes business, political, or non-profit experience.

We also seek candidate that represent the diversity of California Common Cause's communities. This includes having candidates of diverse political, age, professional, gender, location, and ethnic backgrounds who represent the broad social scope of California Common Cause's operations.



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Applicant Background Information Sheet

NAME:

ARE YOU A COMMON CAUSE MEMBER?
(Current membership required to apply. Available at <http://bit.ly/cwsumj>)

ADDRESS (home)

(business)

PHONE: BUSINESS _____ **RESIDENCE / CELL** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

(All fields and questions below can be completed on a separate sheet if desired)

PREVIOUS COMMON CAUSE OR DEMOCRACY ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITIES IN OTHER CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:



REFERENCES

Applicant's Name: _____

(Professional Reference)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

DAYTIME PHONE:

RELATIONSHIP:

HOW LONG KNOWN:

(Employer Reference)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

DAYTIME PHONE:

RELATIONSHIP:

HOW LONG KNOWN:

I consent to California Common Cause's verification of the biographical and reference information I've provided above.

Signature