

COMMON CAUSE HIGHLIGHTS

1971	Helped pass the 26th Amendment, giving 18-year-olds the right to vote.
1972	Successfully championed open government laws throughout the nation, requiring that the people's business be conducted in public.
1974	Helped lobby Congress to end funding for the Vietnam War; led efforts to pass public financing, contribution limits, and disclosure requirements.
1975	Helped pass the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).
1978	Led effort to pass the historic Ethics in Government Act of 1978, requiring financial disclosure for government officials.
1982	Worked in coalition to pass extension of the Voting Rights Act.
1987	Worked with civil rights groups to successfully oppose the nomination of Robert Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court.
1989	Lobbied successfully for the passage of the Ethics Reform Act, a sweeping reform bill that closed a loophole allowing senior members of Congress to convert campaign funds to personal use upon retiring.
1990	California Common Cause led the successful efforts to pass Proposition 112, which at the time was one of the strongest ethics measures in the nation. Prop. 112 established strict gift limits, strengthened conflict-of-interest laws, established the salary commission, created a constitutional ban on honoraria for local and state elected officials, and increased disclosure requirements. Additionally, Common Cause worked with civil rights groups nationally to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act.
1993	Local California Common Cause members won a gift ban in Orange County.
1994	Local California Common Cause members won passage of local public financing in Long Beach.

1995	Lobbied for limits on gifts to members of Congress and for passage of the Lobby Reform Act.
1996	California Common Cause led the successful effort to add Proposition 208 to the ballot and win its passage, creating a comprehensive campaign finance measure that limited contributions and banned fundraising in non-election years.
1997	California Common Cause orchestrated the successful effort to make campaign contribution disclosures available on the internet.
1999	In New York, Common Cause successfully championed the passage of a public finance system in New York City.
2002	Led a successful multi-year campaign to enact the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, banning soft money in federal campaigns.
2003	Led coalition to raise public awareness about the FCC's efforts to deregulate media ownership, resulting in more than 2 million Americans contacting the FCC to complain about the rules change.
2005	In Washington, Common Cause won the fight against efforts to cut federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.
2007	Fought successfully for passage of the Honest Leadership & Open Government Act of 2007.
2008	In California, Common Cause led a campaign to create the nation's first independent, citizen-run redistricting commission.
2010	Directed the successful effort to pass Online Voter Registration in California, which was later implemented in the Fall of 2012.
2012	California Common Cause supported Proposition 28 to implement term limits reform and led efforts to pass Election Day Registration. California Common Cause also filed a legal complaint against Americans for Responsible Leadership & exposed the largest campaign money-laundering scheme in state history.

2014	California Common Cause passed the Ballot Initiative Transparency Act, which updated the state's initiative process by giving voters information about who is behind each initiative and ensuring Voter Guides are easily understood.
2015	Worked to successfully expand our state's democracy to include 6.6 million unregistered Californians by passing AB 1461, the New Motor Voter Act, which streamlined voter registration.
2016	Led the effort to pass SB 1107, repealing the statewide ban on citizen-funded elections, later overturned in court. Additionally, California Common Cause and a bipartisan coalition of reform groups successfully campaigned to pass Proposition 54, requiring the Legislature to provide 72-hour notice before voting to pass bills. California Common Cause also successfully campaigned to pass Proposition 59, calling on Congress to overturn Citizens United.
2017	Joined with good government groups to successfully pass AB 249, the California Disclose Act, the toughest campaign ad disclosure law in the nation. The bill requires the top 3 funders of every ballot measure and independent expenditure campaign to be listed on their ads.
2018	California Common Cause sponsored and successfully passed SB 1018, authorizing more local governments to establish independent redistricting commissions.
2019	Co-sponsored the FAIR MAPS Act (AB 849), which made CA redistricting more transparent, accessible, and participatory, and eliminated partisan gerrymandering. California Common Cause also co-sponsored SB 72 to make Election Day voter registration available at every voting site in the state.
2020	California Common Cause led its largest-ever Election Protection effort, putting 400+ trained poll monitor volunteers in over 1,200 voting sites across Southern CA, to protect disability and language access, and help voters overcome barriers.
2021	Provided expert testimony to a joint hearing of the Senate and Assembly Elections Committees on CA recall reform. Founded first-ever statewide working groups on improving language access in CA elections and finding policy solutions for CA's declining local and ethnic media sectors.