



ABOUT CALIFORNIA COMMON SENSE

Imagine a world in which ordinary citizens are invested in their governments and take ownership of them by virtue of actually knowing a) how government works and b) how their tax dollars are used for public goods and services. We at California Common Sense (CACS) see that world vividly and are guided by the vision that solutions to major local, state, and national problems will stem from the marriage of transparency and engagement. The technologies we develop have the power to open up government, expose its excesses, draw its shareholders—particularly young people—into the political process, and improve the efficiency and efficacy of the many departments and services on which citizens rely.

CACS has created California's first-ever interactive data transparency portal that showcases detailed data from state and local entities. The portal includes financial data not only for California, but also for most states around the country, enabling citizens to make apples to apples comparisons of state government finances. This new high-tech visualization tool improves government transparency throughout the U.S. and allows the public to see how California measures up.

We are moving forward rapidly and looking to expand by launching an online ecosystem to foster citizen engagement and enable Californians to take action to fix our state. Now is your chance to join this movement for a more vibrant democracy.

STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT

"CACS is harnessing analytic and social media technology to expose inefficiencies and waste, and engaging citizens and politicians to fix government at all levels. History belongs to the small few who are willing to ignore the skeptics and stand up and make the world work -- join us!"

--**Joe Lonsdale**, co-founder of Palantir Technologies, founder/chairman of the CACS Board of Directors

"As a former state controller, I recognize the tremendous value of CACS transparency tools to track and publicize the state's finances in easy to understand interactive visuals. I encourage you to support CACS because their groundbreaking work is an important part of the effort to fix California government."

--**Steve Westly**, Former California State Controller

"I believe CACS can serve as the catalyst for a revolution in how citizens interface with our government."

--**George P. Shultz**, Former Secretary of State

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

Software Engineer: Ideal candidate will have excellent PHP, HTML, and Javascript coding skills. Experience with SQL databases and Java are a plus. This is an unparalleled opportunity to impact millions of lives as we fundamentally restructure the foundations of our representative democracy. You will be creating innovative tools to engage citizens and politicians in a revolutionary data-driven dialogue. The ability to work independently and implement unique new features that drive user interest will be a must. We are looking for a team player, because our engineers will be interacting daily with a world-class network of Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, investors and politicians.

Researcher: Ideal candidate will have excellent econometrics and statistics knowledge including experience with SAS, STATA, R or other advanced analytical statistical software. We are seeking researchers who have a passion for data analysis and collection along with modeling of sophisticated datasets that represent spending and performance outcomes for governments throughout California. The ability to tackle complex problems and arrive at insightful solutions while on tight deadlines is a must. You will be collaborating on research projects with leading think-tanks and academics on a wide range of public policy issues so familiarity with labor, healthcare, education economics and bond markets is also a plus.

Other: We will consider applications from talented, motivated students and recent graduates who are interested in working full-time or part-time as writers, social media experts, publicists, or data collectors.

For more information about positions, please email a resume to join@cacs.org.