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# **Registration\*:** Regular \$25 Student \$10

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- Bacon Turkey Brovo (smoked turkey, bacon, Gouda, lettuce, tomatoes and signature sauce on Tomato Basil)
- □ Almond Chicken Salad Sandwich (chicken, celery, grapes, almonds and special dressing with lettuce and tomato on Sesame Semolina)
- Mediterranean Veggie (Peppadew peppers, feta, cucumbers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions and cilantro jalapeno hummus on Tomato Basil)
- Sierra Turkey Sandwich (smoked turkey, chipotle mayo, field greens, red onions, on Asiago Cheese Focaccia.

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30AM REGISTRATION 9:00AM Welcome -- Video on Citizens United 9:15AM "Election Law 101" - Jocelyn Benson 10:30AM BREAK 10:45AM "Election Reality 101" – Rich Robinson LUNCH\* 12:00PM 1:00PM **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** "Political Power and Common Ground: Forging a Path to Victory: - Josh Silver 2:00PM Workshops (simultaneous) (1) Proposed Amendments and Legislation: What's Already On the Table? (2) Citizen Financed Elections: A Small Donor System, led by Ian Vanderwalker (3) Stop Crumbling Vote Tabulators from Dictating Michigan's Election Results: Learn How to be a Citizen **Election Monitor and Conduct Manual Vote Count Audits** 3:15PM **BRFAK** 3:30PM "A Michigan Strategy" – A panel led by Rep. Jeff Irwin, with Rep. Jim Townsend.

# 4:45PM Closing Session

NOTE: For further details about these sessions and other contributors please visit: www.michiganelectionreform.org.





# JOSH SILVER, Keynote Speaker

Silver is Director for the national organization, Represent.us. He is a cofounder and former CEO of Free Press, the nation's leading media and technology reform advocacy organization, and was the campaign manager for the successful 1998 Arizona Clean Elections ballot initiative campaign. He was the director of development for the cultural arm of the Smithsonian Institution. Silver has been profiled in The Wall Street Journal and featured in outlets including The New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, Newsweek, Los Angeles Times, Christian Science Monitor, Salon, C-SPAN and NPR

# Ian Vandewalker

Brennan Center for Justice at the NYU Law School lan Vandewalker serves as counsel for the Brennan Center's Democracy Program where he works on voting rights and campaign finance reform. Prior to joining the Brennan Center, he served as a legal fellow at the Center for Reproductive Rights, where he litigated constitutional cases in state and federal courts across the country. Before that, Mr. Vandewalker served as the Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellow in Nonprofit Law at the Vera Institute of Justice.

# Jocelyn Benson

Interim Dean; Wayne State University Law School Jocelyn Benson is currently the Interim Dean of Wayne State Law School where she teaches Election Law. She was previously the Associate Director of the Damon Keith Center for Civil Rights and a member of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Election Law. She is the founder and current director of the Michigan Center for Election Law and serves with retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in the board of iCivics, Inc. a non-profit created to improve civics education throughout the nation.

## **Rich Robinson**

#### Michigan Campaign Finance Network

Rich Robinson is the executive director of the nonpartisan Michigan Campaign Finance Network, where he authors of the biannual Citizen's Guide to Michigan Campaign Finance. His commentaries on democracy and money in politics have appeared in numerous state publications, including the Detroit Free Press, The Detroit News, the Lansing State Journal and Dome Magazine. He has been a frequent guest lecturer at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, Oakland University and Grand Valley State University.

#### Jim Townsend Michigan House of State Representative term as the voice of

Michigan House of Representatives; 26th District State Representative Jim Townsend is serving his second term as the voice of the 26th House District, which covers Madison Heights and Royal Oak. In 2012 Rep. Townsend co-sponsored a series of bills to reform ethics in government

and the disclosure requirements for those seeking public

#### Jeff Irwin Michigan Ho

office people.

Michigan House of Representatives; 53rd District Jeff Irwin is serving his second term as state representative for the 53rd District. Prior to his election, Rep. Irwin served the people of Ann Arbor as a Washtenaw County Commissioner working to end homelessness, promote government collaboration, protect natural areas and support public transit. Since entering the Michigan House, Representative Irwin has worked on a number of progressive issues including campaign finance reform and the de-criminalization of marijuana.

## **OTHER CONTRIBUTORS:**

The afternoon workshops will be presented by experienced activists from the sponsoring organizations and other groups active in campaign finance and money in politics issues. For details please check the conference website at: www.michiganelectionreform.org.

