

Welcome To The Weeds

Our Methodology

Ready to dive into the details? The details:

- The Open Disclosure California's project's scope
- Data flows
- Data definitions
- User experiences
- Construction architecture and history
- How to get involved

ODCA turns local campaign finance disclosure data into meaningful experiences.

Answering: What's ODCA's job? What the scope for this election cycle.

Data flows from state, local, partner, and corporate sources through our app and to user browsers.

Where does the data come from? What do we do with it? Where does it go?

What stuff means - The data definitions

The schema, where each element comes from, formal definitions (from laws, rules, agencies), conflicting definitions/labels, and Simple English descriptions.

The user experiences

Walk through the common user journeys.

- “What’s going on?” the home page.
- “Who’s running? How’s it going?” Race pages.
- “Who’s behind this issue?” Measure pages.
- “How is this candidate doing in the race? Who is backing the candidate with money?” Candidate and Campaign pages.
- “How has this person or organization been politically active in my city?” Contributor pages

How we built it

Architecture

The parts and how they relate to each other.

Colophon

The tools we used.

Development Timeline

Major milestones for a bit of context.

How to get involved

Add your city

Let’s get you talking to our onboarding team.

The five stages from idea to live, starts with a choice.

- Fork: Copy our work and build your own service. (Hurrah for open source and open data!) This means you have
- Join: Talk with our team. There may be an easy path with existing data. If so, we may be able to add your city with your help.

You know you're ready to join us when...

- Your city or county is producing open data (HOW TO SEE IF YOU HAVE OPEN DATA)
- The data is in a format we can use (HERE'S A LIST OF NETFILE JURISDICTIONS)
- You have staff or volunteers for tailoring your local part of our app (THE KINDS/AMOUNT OF WORK NEEDED)

Work on the system

How we work as a team

Briefly: Tempo, roles, leaders, tools.

Where to start

for tech geeks, policy wonks, local election officials, journalists.

Join our community champion team

Help us roll out ODCA to the public and our stakeholders. Build engagement and support users.

HOW TO JOIN THE TEAM

Donate cash.

Our team works from all across the state. Buy us airfare, capacity, advanced features. Your tax-deductible charitable contribution helps us turn raw data into compelling insights one neighborhood at a time. We're an affiliate of the 501c3 Code for America.

HOW TO GIVE