



Laura Powell

Laura Powell is the founder of Californians for Good Governance, a nonpartisan group dedicated to protecting civil liberties and promoting government accountability in California. She has regularly submitted position letters to legislative committees on bills affecting constitutional rights and governance of behalf of the organization, as well as publishing open letters on issues such as parental rights and racial discrimination. She frequently speaks on legal and policy issues in the media and before the California Legislature, and she writes on a range of topics, including both commentary and investigative reporting as a citizen journalist.

Mrs. Powell's successes as an attorney of more than 20 years include obtaining a preliminary injunction blocking a California law that violated physicians' free speech and due process rights, forcing the law's repeal. Previously, she served as a public defender and appellate defender, handling numerous jury trials and complex appellate cases. She also has experience in international human rights advocacy.

Mrs. Powell earned her Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. A graduate of Oakland public schools, she is the parent of two children currently enrolled in public schools in the San Francisco Bay Area.