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### U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION HOSTS ELECTION READINESS SUMMIT ON CAPITOL HILL: HAMILTON COUNTY DIRECTOR SHERRY POLAND ON THE PANEL

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is hosting a Readiness Summit in D.C. on Wednesday, October 3, from 9:00 am to 4:30 p.m. Panelists include: Members of Congress, Secretaries of State; and Local Election Officials who will discuss best practices and share information as a prelude to the upcoming November Midterm elections.

Sherry Poland, Director of the Hamilton County Board of Elections, was invited to be one of the panelists and will speak about the various ways precinct election officials are recruited. “Our Youth at the Booth program, recruiting and assigning high school seniors as poll workers, has added an important component to our teams at the polling locations, especially since the introduction of electronic poll books,” explained Poland. “The mix of seasoned election officials and young people works well in Hamilton County.”

In addition, topics at the Readiness Summit will include election security measures, investments in accessibility, and post election audits. This event will be available to stream online at **#Countdown18**. Attached is a Press Advisory from EAC.

*The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) was established by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). It is an independent, bipartisan commission charged with ensuring secure, accurate and accessible elections by developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, and serving as a national clearinghouse of information on election administration. EAC also accredits testing laboratories and certifies voting systems, as well as administers the use of HAVA funds.*