



U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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MEDIA ADVISORY: EAC HOSTS ELECTION READINESS SUMMIT ON CAPITOL HILL ONE MONTH BEFORE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

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*Summit to Feature Senators Blunt and Klobuchar, NCSC Director Evanina,
State and Local Election Directors, Election Vendor Fair*

Silver Spring, Md. – On Wednesday, October 3, 2018, just one month before the 2018 midterm elections, the **U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC)** will host the **EAC Election Readiness Summit** in Capitol Visitors Center, Rooms SVC 208/209 & SVC 215 **from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET**. The event will feature expert panelists and keynote speakers who will examine election security best practices, as well as investments in accessibility, post-election audits, and other vital election activities. Following these discussions, the EAC will host an open house for election vendors who wish to display and demonstrate their equipment.

The EAC Election Readiness Summit event aims to inform the public and lawmakers about the steps election leaders can take to ensure secure, accessible, and efficient elections. The summit will also highlight innovative and cost-effective steps election administrators should consider as they look to 2020 and beyond.

In January, the EAC began the year with an **all-day summit** focused a spectrum of issues that state and local election officials would face as they prepared for the 2018 federal elections. The EAC Election Readiness Summit will be the bookend event to an intense year of preparation for election officials around the country, who have worked tirelessly to improve the security and resiliency of their systems.

The EAC Election Readiness Summit is open to the public and members of the press. Attendees are strongly encouraged to reserve their space by registering [here](#). To request an interview with a summit speaker, make arrangements for broadcast equipment, or seek additional information about the event, please contact Brenda Bowser Soder at bsoder@eac.gov or 202-897-9285.

Those who cannot join the summit in person can watch the event online and follow the conversation online at **#Countdown18**.

WHAT: EAC Election Readiness Summit

WHEN: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET

WHERE: Capitol Visitors Center, Rooms SVC 208/209 & SVC 215

WHO: *The agenda and complete list of speakers will be updated in real time at [this link](#).*

Confirmed speakers include:

EAC Chairman Thomas Hicks

EAC Vice Chair Christy McCormick

U.S Senator Roy Blunt (R-Missouri)

U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota)

William Evanina, Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center

Christopher Krebs, Under Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security's National Protection and Programs Directorate

Secretary of State Jim Condos, Vermont, President of the National Association of Secretaries of State

Secretary of State John Merrill, Alabama

Secretary of State Mac Warner, West Virginia

Secretary of State Wayne Williams, Colorado

Secretary of State Kim Wyman, Washington

Paul Lux, Supervisor of Elections, Okaloosa County, Florida

Meagan Wolfe, Administrator of Wisconsin Elections Commission

Sherry Poland, Director, Hamilton County, OH, Board of Elections

Joe Rozell, Elections Director, Oakland County, Michigan

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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. For more information, visit www.eac.gov.

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