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## Hamilton County Board of Elections Recognized for Excellence in Election Administration with National Clearinghouse Award

One of 24 Programs Honored by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission for Innovation, Sustainability, and Replicability

The Hamilton County Board of Elections has been recognized for excellence in election administration with a national Clearinghouse Award for Outstanding Innovations in Elections (Large Jurisdictions) for their "Behind the Ballot" Tours.

Also known as the "Clearies," the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) presents the awards program annually to celebrate the hard work of election offices across the country. Now in its seventh year, this year's Clearie Awards honored programs that took place during the 2022 midterms.

"I am incredibly proud of the collaboration of our staff to offer these tours to the public." Sherry Poland, Director, remarked.

This is the second year in a row that the Hamilton County Board of Elections has won a Clearie, and the third overall. In 2022, the Board of Elections was recognized for its social media videos. It is also the third time in two years that the Board of Elections has been recognized nationally for its transparency.

The Hamilton County Board of Election's "Behind the Ballot" tours were one of 24 programs that were recognized with a Clearie Award. The program allowed organizations to tour the Board of Elections to see what the Election process looks like behind the scenes.

Alex Linser, Deputy Director commented, "We always strive for election transparency. Voter confidence in election integrity is a core element of our mission."

The Clearies play an essential role in fulfilling the EAC's mission to serve as a clearinghouse for election administration information under the Help America Vote Act. The EAC is an independent, bipartisan federal agency solely focused on election administration. Submissions were judged on innovation, sustainability, outreach, cost-effectiveness, replicability, and the generation of positive results.

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