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## Agenda

Each year, the Elections GeoSummit brings together the nation's leaders in elections management and geographic information systems (GIS) to share leading-edge findings and craft best practices to enhance election systems.

1:00 – 1:10

### Welcome

- Molly Schar, *Executive Director, National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC)*

1:10 – 1:55

### Powering Civic Engagement with GIS

Promising to be engaging and insightful, the participatory keynote panel highlights the work of three democracy not-for-profits and their need to integrate GIS into election data management. The panel includes the opportunity to break out into small groups with colleagues to discuss why GIS is needed in elections, as well as identify situations where GIS integration may create an opportunity for a bigger impact.

#### Panelists

- Donny Bridges, *Co-Founder/ Director of Civic Data, Center for Tech and Civic Life*
- Maria Bianchi, *Vice President, Program and Product, Democracy Works*
- Jeanette Senecal, *Senior Director Mission Impact and Executive Director E.ThePeople, League of Women Voters*

#### Moderator

- Bert Granberg, *Analytics Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council*

1:55 – 2:30

### America Was Watching: Maricopa County

Building and nurturing a partnership between elections and GIS is imperative not only for normal day-to-day operations but also for the "election of our lifetime." The partnership in Maricopa County is a model of trust leading to a modern election system built with integrity, transparency, accuracy, and precision.

#### Panelists

- Gary Bilotta, *Maricopa County, AZ Recorder's Office, Director of IT & GIS*
- David Moss, *Maricopa County*

#### Moderator

- Tammy Patrick, *Senior Advisor, Elections, Democracy Fund*

2:30 – 2:40

### Break

2:40 – 3:40

### Building State Coalitions to Spatially Enable Elections



After six months of working within their counties and states to integrate GIS into elections systems, representatives of six pilot project teams share their goals, challenges, and lessons learned.

#### Panelists

- Shasta County, California
    - Cathy Darling-Allen, *Shasta County, California, Clerk/Registrar of Voters*
    - Joanna Francescut, *Shasta County, California, Assistant County Clerk/Registrar of Voters*
    - Dave Powers, *Shasta County, California, IT Services Manager – GIS Division*
    - Marcus Harner, *Shasta County, California, IT/GIS Analyst*
    - Mentor Gary Bilotta, *Maricopa County, AZ Recorder's Office, Director of IT & GIS*
  - State of Minnesota
    - Blaine Hackett, *Minnesota Geospatial Information Office, Senior IT Portfolio Manager*
    - Elorm Agbolosoo, *Minnesota Geospatial Information Office, GIS Technician*
    - Brad Neuhauser, *Minnesota Office of the Secretary of State, GIS Specialist, Elections Division*
  - State of Montana
    - Erin Fashoway, *Montana State GIS Office, State GIS Coordinator, Montana State Library*
    - Stuart Fuller, *Montana Office of the Secretary of State, Elections & Voter Services Manager*
    - Melissa McLarnon, *Montana Office of the Secretary of State, Elections & Voter Services Business Analyst*
  - State of Michigan
    - Rachel Clone, *Michigan Bureau of Elections, Data Analytics & Support Unit Manager*
    - Nicholas Baum, *Michigan Bureau of Elections, Address & Geography Maintenance*
    - David Tarrant, *Michigan Bureau of Elections, Elections Analyst*
    - Mentor Sarah Whitt, *Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), Systems and Data Specialist*
  - State of Arkansas
    - Jennifer Wheeler, *Arkansas GIS Office, Department of Transformation & Shared Services, GIS Analyst*
    - Shelby Johnson, *Arkansas GIS Office, Department of Transformation & Shared Services, State Geographic Information Officer*
    - Josh Bridges, *Arkansas Secretary of State, Election Systems Analyst*
    - Leslie Bellamy, *Arkansas Secretary of State, Director of Elections*
  - State of Oregon
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- Cy Smith, *State of Oregon, Enterprise Information Services, Data Governance and Transparency, Geospatial Enterprise Office*
- Josh Tanner, *Lead Geospatial Application Developer, Enterprise Information Services, Data Governance and Transparency, Geospatial Enterprise Office*
- Ty Conley, *State of Oregon*
- David Mather, *State of Oregon*
- Steve Trout

Moderator

- Neil MacGaffey, *Director MassGIS*

3:40 – 3:45

**Break**

3:45 – 4:45

**Build-A-Statute: Providing the Tools to Integrate GIS into Elections**

Over the last four months, after reviewing and distilling election and GIS statutes from eight states in the country, a working group of the project is ready to share their thoughts and ideas on which components of geo-enabled elections need a place in state statute to advance the use of GIS in elections. To kick off some thoughtful and engaging discussion, the working group will be joined by several state legislators who will share anecdotes and related stories about similar bills in their states.

Panelists

- Bert Granberg, *Analytics Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council*
- Veronica Degraffenreid, *Special Advisor for Elections Administration, Pennsylvania Department of State*
- Tim Johnson, *Director, Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, State of North Carolina*
- Tyler Kleykamp, *Director, State Chief Data Officers Network*
- Legislators

Moderator

- Wendy Underhill, *Director Elections and Redistricting Program, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)*

4:45 – 5:00

**Closing**

- Meagan Wolfe, *Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission, Chief Election Official State of Wisconsin*

5:00 – 5:30

**Join Us! - Connect, Discuss, Network**

- All are welcome to attend this fun, informal networking event!