

## American Council for Election Technology names Sara Cutter as new Executive Director

**Washington, D.C., May 21, 2024** — The <u>American Council for Election Technology</u> (ACET) has announced that Sara Cutter, Esq., will serve as the trade association's new Executive Director.

ACET is a national, nonpartisan trade association founded to advance the use of technology in ensuring secure, accurate, accessible, and transparent elections. As a unified voice for election system provider members, including Election Systems & Software, Hart InterCivic, MicroVote General Corporation, Runbeck Election Services, Inc., Smartmatic, Unisyn Voting Solutions, and VOTEC Corporation, ACET advances state and federal policies while enhancing public understanding of voting and other election technologies.

Sara Cutter, a political law attorney with Vantage Legal, has extensive strategy and communications experience, making her exceptionally well-suited to lead ACET into the crucial 2024 election cycle and beyond.

"The expertise that Sara brings in election law and strategy is a tremendous asset for ACET, particularly at a time when the integrity and security of elections are of paramount importance," said Brian Hancock, President of ACET and Director of Infrastructure Policy and Product Development at Unisyn Voting Solutions. "Sara's leadership is crucial as we work to enhance voter confidence and ensure electoral processes that reflect the democratic ideals of our nation," said Hancock. "I speak for all of our officers and member companies in saying we are thrilled to have someone of her caliber working with ACET."

In her role as ACET Executive Director, Cutter will focus on broad strategic initiatives aimed at strengthening relationships with key stakeholders in the sector and advancing ACET's positions on crucial electoral issues. Under Cutter's leadership, ACET is prepared to address the evolving challenges of election technology with a clear focus on maintaining the robustness and transparency of the voting process.

"I am honored to lead ACET and advocate for the adoption of advanced election technologies that uphold the essence of democracy. Our commitment to neutrality, transparency, and fairness is stronger than ever, and I am eager to drive initiatives that reinforce the foundation of our electoral system," says Sara Cutter, Executive Director of ACET.

Cutter joins ACET after building a substantial career that includes working as an associate attorney at Vantage Legal in Washington, D.C. At Vantage Legal, she specializes in political law, overseeing compliance and strategic initiatives that shape election operations nationwide. Prior to her legal practice, Cutter was instrumental in operational and financial oversight as the Executive Director of Colorado BUILDS, where she spearheaded organizational growth and strategic planning.

Cutter holds a Juris Doctor from George Mason University, Antonin Scalia Law School, and brings over ten years of experience in legal and policy advisory roles. Her professional journey includes significant contributions to election reform, legal compliance, and public policy, enhancing the operational capabilities and strategic direction of every organization she has served.

## About ACET

The American Council for Election Technology (ACET) is a national, nonpartisan trade association founded in 2022 to advance the use of technology in ensuring secure, accurate, accessible, and transparent elections. As a unified voice for election system providers, ACET influences state and federal policies while enhancing public understanding of voting and other election technologies. ACET member companies support a broad range of electoral processes, including voter registration, ballot printing, and vote counting, serving thousands of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. ACET engages with policymakers, collaborates with various stakeholders, and offers thought leadership grounded in deep industry expertise. The organization also functions as a forum for exchanging best practices related to election integrity and voter confidence, and it educates the public and officials on the design, testing, certification, and security of election technologies. Advocating for continued funding to improve election administration and technology, ACET is committed to fostering advancements that enhance the democratic process.

For more information about ACET please visit us at <u>TechForElections.VOTE</u>, email us at <u>info@techforelections.vote</u>, or follow us on <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>X/Twitter</u>.

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