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## ABOUT ME

Democracy Entrepreneur | Election  
Administration Expert & Innovator  
Author | Speaker | Civic  
Engagement Enthusiast

I believe in designing voter-centric processes that put the voter first. As an experienced election official and former Director of Elections for the City and County of Denver, I know how to improve systems to make them more responsive and effective for voters and customers. Under my leadership, Denver Elections was transformed to become one of the top election offices in the country, earning international and national recognition for various technical innovations. We created systems to better serve voters such as Ballot TRACE and eSign and increased transparency and accountability in the process. I also played an integral role in the 2013 Election Modernization Reforms that have made Colorado one of the top states for security, voter registration, and voter engagement.

Elections are about people and process. I believe we must continually improve the entire election system which will lead to higher engagement, increased public confidence in elections and in government, and more effective service for the public.

## Experience

Executive Director | Vote at Home Institute  
[VoteAtHome.org](http://VoteAtHome.org) | [@VoteAtHome](https://twitter.com/VoteAtHome)

The Vote at Home Institute is a non-profit non-partisan 501(c)(3), created to increase voter engagement by supporting and encouraging the effective implementation of Vote at Home systems, policies, and laws across the United States. Vote at Home systems provide for convenient, secure, and accessible voting processes.

Election Official | Director of Elections  
City and County of Denver, CO (2005-2018)  
[DenverVotes.org](http://DenverVotes.org) | [@DenverElections](https://twitter.com/DenverElections)

As the Director of Elections with the City and County of Denver, CO I oversaw pivotal elections and developed innovative techniques in election administration which earned the office numerous awards.

Regional Project Manager, New Voters Project, Iowa  
(2004-2005)

Program Director, 14th Judicial Circuit, State of  
Illinois, (2002-2004)

Parliamentary Research Associate, United Kingdom  
Parliament - UK Solicitor General, Rt. Hon. Harriet  
Harman, QC MP, London, England (2000-2002)

## Education

Masters of Science | Comparative Politics | London  
School of Economics & Political Science | 2002

Bachelor of Arts | Political Science and Speech  
Communications | University of Illinois | 2001

# Skills

Leadership  
Executive Experience  
Public Speaking  
Election Official  
Innovator  
Strategy  
Data Analytics  
Policy Innovation  
Project Management  
Strategic Communication

# Boards

MIT Election Data Science Lab  
Advisory Board  
Election Validation Project Advisor  
City Year Denver Board of Directors  
LIFT Colorado Board of Directors  
Empowerment Council, Women's  
Foundation of Colorado  
Colorado Women's Chamber of  
Commerce Public Policy Committee

# Awards

2018 Public Official of the Year –  
Governing Magazine  
ICPS – International Center for  
Parliamentary Studies - 2017  
ICPS – International Center for  
Parliamentary Studies - 2015  
EAC Clearie Award - 2017  
Election Center Eagle's Award for  
Technology – 2017  
Election Center Democracy Award for  
Innovation – 2015, 2013  
NACO Achievement Award - 2013  
Michelle Burton Excellence in Election  
Service Award - 2015

# Publications/Speeches

## [Voter-Centered Approach to Election Administration](#)

Medium.com | June 2018

## [Opinion: Amendments Y and Z let us do what's right instead of fighting about who's right](#)

Colorado Sun | October 2018

## [Trump's Voter Commission is Frightening Away Denver Voters](#)

Denver Post | July 2017

## [View It from a Different Angle – How to Improve Efficiency While Serving Voters Better](#)

U.S. Elections Assistance Commission | December 2015

## [Innovating the Voter Experience](#)

RepresentUS | March 2018

## [Governing by the Numbers – Pew and Route Fifty](#)

Pew/Route Fifty Event | October 2016

## [Denver – New Voting System Video](#)

Denver Elections Video | May 2015

# News

## [Revolutionizing the Voting Process](#)

Comcast NBC Newsmakers | January 2019

## [How Treating Voting Like a Business Could Actually Improve It](#)

Colorado Biz Magazine | September 2019

## [Model City: Denver Cleaned Up Its Voter Rolls & Boosted Turnout, Too](#)

NBC News | August 2017

## [Denver Wins Another International Election Administration Award](#)

City and County of Denver | January 2017

## [Denver County Elections Division Honored With a "Clearie" Award For Election Innovation](#)

U.S. Election Assistance Commission | November 2017

## [Illinois Elections Officials Explore Vote by Mail Programs](#)

Block Club Chicago | October 2018

## [Denver Elections Director & CIO Share Advice to Secure Elections](#)

Efficient Gov | October 2018

## [Cybersecurity and Elections](#)

NPR | February 2018

## [Increasing Voter Turnout for 2018 and Beyond](#)

New York Times | June 2017

## [Mail Ballot Election Returns](#)

Chicago Tribune | October 2018

## [How other states have modernized elections offers lessons for Florida](#)

Miami Herald | January 2016

## [Amber to Leave Denver Elections](#)

Colorado Politics | August 2018