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Jane Platten serves as Director of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. She has worked at the Board of Elections since 2004. Jane has extensive experience at the agency as an Administrator and has held leadership roles in Community Outreach, the Poll Worker Department, Procurement and Operations, and Human Resources. She created, managed and implemented a \$1 Million countywide voter education program to introduce the new election system conversions and reorganized operations to execute a new, comprehensive poll worker recruitment and training program. Jane was appointed Director in June of 2007 after serving as the Interim-Director in the months prior.

Since being appointed Director, Ms. Platten has led the successful transition from an electronic, touch screen based voting system to a precinct-based optical scan paper ballot system. Jane has also used her experience and leadership skills to simultaneously overhaul all agency operations and seamlessly meet the demands of the 2008 Presidential Election. Jane's work in bringing health and stability to the agency has resulted in a renewed sense of community and voter confidence in the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Prior to her work at the Board of Elections, Jane had extensive experience in the field of public administration. She spent seven years with the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners; there she was responsible for policy implementation and development. Her efforts were instrumental in helping reform and implement best practices for countywide homeless shelter projects, melding critical programming assessment, project management and budget oversight ensuring project integrity and improving community awareness. Jane's previous experience includes six years with the Cuyahoga County Auditor's office.

Jane has served as a presenter for organizations such as the Pew Charitable Trust Foundation/Electionline 2008 National Journalist Forum at the Democratic National Convention, The Election Verification Network, the 2009 Ohio Election Reform Summit, the Greater Cleveland Voter Coalition, and the League of Women Voters. Her expertise has been tapped on National Public Radio, CNN and other national news outlets. Jane's leadership skills have been featured in periodicals such as the New York Times, Congressional Quarterly, The Washington Post and Cleveland Magazine. In June of 2008 Governing Magazine featured Jane as a "Player" and she has received "The Excellence in Government" Award from the Cudell Improvement Organization.

Jane Platten is a lifelong Clevelander and graduated from John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio. Jane currently resides in Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood.

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