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Gail Roper

Gail M. Roper is a nationally recognized, innovative technology leader with a history of effectively serving as the liaison between the private and public sectors to gain buy-in and achieve implementation of complex, multi-million-dollar IT projects. Roper has extensive experience with public and private sector technology initiatives, vendor negotiations, and building new partnerships to create leading-edge IT initiatives. Roper is a strategic thought leader with a record of developing and collaborating on IT plans that dovetail seamlessly with her customer's overall business objectives. Recipient of multiple industry awards and a sought-after speaker for delivering technology, broadband, and IT strategy at domestic and international forums and conferences. A recipient of Government Technology's Doer, Dreamers, and Drivers award. Roper is currently the CIO for Montgomery County, Maryland. Her goal is to promote nascent technologies that provide business resiliency for Montgomery County.

She served as CIO for the Cities of Austin, Raleigh, and Kansas City, Missouri. Roper worked with Alphabet (Google) as the SE Manager for Regional Expansion. Roper holds a Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in Business and Technology from the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, Rockhurst University. She has completed studies at UNC-Chapel Hill and earned the North Carolina Certified Chief Information Officer Certification. She has represented the United States in forums nationally and internationally on the subject of broadband, technology strategy, and Smart City initiatives.

She has lectured nationally and internationally in partnership with IBM, Red Hat, and Cisco on the topic of open data, and doing business with C-level executives. Roper is a presidential

appointment to the NACo – Technology Advisory Committee (C-TAC) and a current Fellow for the National Academy of Public Administration, Washington DC.



Delegate Anne Kaiser, D-14

Delegate Anne R. Kaiser is in her sixth 4-year term as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, representing the 14th District in Montgomery County. Anne is a member of Health and Government Operations Committee. Her previous service includes time as Chair of the powerful House Ways & Means Committee, Majority Leader, Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Chair of the Montgomery County Delegation, the largest in the state of Maryland. Anne grew up in Montgomery County and graduated from Rockville High School, before earning her bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago, as well as two master's degrees from the University of Michigan. A clinical professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, Anne is the Associate Director of the Institute for Public Leadership at the School of Public Policy and teaches three undergraduate policy courses. Anne lives with her wife, Nancy, and their daughter Allison Joan "AJ" in the Calverton neighborhood of Silver Spring.

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Carolyn Seaman

Carolyn Seaman is a Professor of Information Systems at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC). She is also the Director of the Center for Women in Technology, also at UMBC. Her research consists mainly of empirical studies of software engineering, with particular emphasis on maintenance, organizational structure, communication, measurement, and technical debt. She also investigates qualitative research methods in software engineering, as well as diversity and equity in STEM education. She holds a PhD in Computer Science from the University of Maryland, College Park, a MS from Georgia Tech, and a BA from the College of Wooster (Ohio).



Marcy Jacobs

Marcy Jacobs is a proven leader with a passion for creating simple and intuitive digital experiences for both citizens and public sector employees. Marcy is the Deputy Secretary of IT and the first Chief Digital Experience Officer for the state of Maryland. Previously, she spent several years at McKinsey & Company in Washington DC as a leader of the public sector customer experience practice. Prior to McKinsey, Marcy served for 4 years with the United States Digital Service at the White House – both as Design Director and later as the lead of the Digital Service at Veterans Affairs. She brings 20+ years of experience in customer experience, human centered design and digital transformation, spending her career focused on mission related work for the government. Marcy and her VA team won the 2018 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal for Management Excellence for their work developing Veteran-facing tools.

Marcy has a Masters in Psychology from Drexel and undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Fine Art from The George Washington University. Marcy lives in Maryland with her husband, 2 teenage children and 2 dogs.