We have survived another contentious election, and most of our election technology seemed to work. But we still have many questions about the future. Do we need to improve the security and resilience of our election systems? Our special two-person panel will hold a discussion of why we can't be complacent. What are some of the risks lurking in our current election technology? What are the most important technical and political issues to be resolved before our next major election?

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