

# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE National Capital Region 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20242

#### PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 18-1533

Date: August 10, 2018

In accordance with Park Regulations as contained in C.F.R., Title 36, Chapter 1, Section 7.96, permission is granted to conduct a public gathering to the following:

Person(s) and/or Organization(s): New York Black Lives Matter, Inc.

Dates(s): Sunday, August 12, 2018

To: Sunday, August 12, 2018

Time: Starting: 10:30 am

Ending: 5:00 pm

Location(s): Lincoln Memorial Plaza - Martin Luther King, Jr. Inscription

Purpose: The Purpose of the event is to spread unity, Peace and justice.

Anticipated Number or Participants: 200-300

Person(s) in Charge: Walter Newsome, Mario Benabe & Samuel Harris

Address(es): (b) (6) New York

Phone Number: (b) (6) Mobile Number:

On-Site Contact: Mobile Number:

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

- Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the United States Park Police.
- 2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles and other park visitors.

PERMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR READING AND ADHERING TO ATTACHED ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS.

**Additional Conditions** 

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Permittee's Name: Walter Newsome, Mario Benabe & Samuel Harris

Organization's Name: New York Black Lives Matter, Inc.

Lincoln Memorial Plaza

August 12, 2018 (10:30 a.m.-05:00 p.m.)

**EVENT OVERVIEW:** Participants (200-300) will assemble at the Lincoln Memorial Plaza. "The purpose of the event is to spread unity, Peace and Justice." Permittee's will conclude a walk from New York City to Washington, DC, with a rally at the Lincoln Memorial, involving prayer and speeches by religious leaders from the Christian, Islamic, Jewish, and other faithbased organizations. Spoken word and singing will also be involved with the distribution of free literature. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and Nick Cannon have been invited to speak. Speeches and other rally activity will be conducted from the top of the staircase, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Inscription.

#### Time line:

10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Deliveries & Security Sweep

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Setup

12:00 p.m.-04:00 p.m.

Unity, Peace and Justice Rally

04:00 p.m.-05:00 p.m.

Teardown/Loadout/Cleanup/Disperse

### Equipment:

Bull-horns Signs/Placards Rope & Stanchions

One (1) Hand-held Banner (3' x 16')

One (1) Battery Operated Sound System w/Speakers

#### This permit authorizes the use of the Lincoln Memorial Plaza.

NOTE: All permitted activities must take place outside of the Lincoln Memorial restricted areas; which are that portion of the memorial that is on the same level or above the base of the large marble columns surrounding the structure, and the single series of white marble stairs immediately adjacent to and below that level.

Permittee and all participants authorized therein must comply with all of the conditions of this permit and with all reasonable directions of the National Park Service and United States Park Police personnel.

Permittee is responsible for equipment/objects brought to the site to conduct this activity. All equipment must be removed from the park immediately following the conclusion of the event.

Items left in the park will be considered abandoned property and will not be the responsibility of the National Park Service.

The Permittee shall insure that all logistical equipment/structures placed on park property adhere to all applicable codes, standards, and regulations including but not limited to BOCA, OSHA, USPHS, NFPA and ADA, covering requirements including but not limited to safe construction practices and grounding of generators.

Permittee does not have exclusive use of the area including sidewalks and roadways. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed during the construction activities to allow for the reasonable use of these areas by pedestrians, vehicles, and other park visitors. No interference with the pedestrian traffic and no blocking entrances, sidewalks, nor driveways allowed. No impeding vehicular traffic permitted. All areas remain open to the general public at all times.

Prior to any delivers and set up, Permittee is required to contact Sgt. Erich Koehler, United States Park Police, at (202) 610-7092, during normal business hours, to make arrangements for all required inspections of any vehicles delivering supplies and materials to the Lincoln Memorial permitted site.

Permittee must check-in with Park Ranger on duty prior to any set up, and receive instructions regarding loading and unloading.

<u>Parking/Logistical vehicles</u>: Site access for delivery and hauling of materials to be placed on the Lincoln Memorial Plaza, shall be from the south side of the memorial, along **Daniel French Drive**, via Independence Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. All equipment must be hand carried / hand carted to the event site, there is no vehicular access to the East Side of the memorial. All vehicles must park in authorized available public parking spaces.

All equipment needed to support the permitted event, must arrive on the Lincoln Memorial Circle, in between 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Daniel French Drive, to be inspected, prior to setup.

**Resource Protection:** Throughout the course of this permit, the Permittee will require its employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of the Lincoln Memorial, and its' environs. In addition, Permittee must supervise their contractors and employees during set-up and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(xii), the alteration, adaptation, damage or injuring, and/or removal of park resources or facilities are prohibited. No holes may be dug and no item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches or other park property.

Electricity is not available. All sound amplification equipment shall be battery operated and limited such that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area. Any sound amplification must be directed away from the Memorial.

No wires or cables are to be attached to trees or other vegetation or flown aerially. Any wires or cables required in support of permitted activities must be run on the ground, in troughs or yellow jackets, to prevent tripping hazards. Troughs covering pedestrian walkways must be ADA compliant.

The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

#### Marshals/Volunteers:

Permittee will have marshals identified with (RejuveAnation Shirts). Each of your demonstration marshals will help maintain order among your participants. Demonstration marshals should be aware of their responsibilities and locations(s) where they will be stationed and have received from demonstration organizers adequate training and instructions. Demonstration marshals should be aware of the time and location of the assembly and any march routes, the location of any first aid stations, water, and toilets, be knowledgeable of the NPS permit conditions, be able to communicate with law enforcement, as well as what to do if they think they observe any problems. While demonstration marshals do not act as police, they do help maintain order among participants, explain to non-participants that a particular area may be under permit, and be able to alert their supervisor and the United States Park Police in the event that they observe a problem on Federal parkland.

#### Protection of the Public & General Welfare:

Event fence, chain link fence and/or bike rack may be erected by the NPS and/or the United States Park Police, to contain the event areas and provide necessary resource protection, security and buffer zones. The United States Park Police may engage in intermittent pedestrian control and/or reconfigure barricades/fence lines, to provide for public safety and the free conduct of all First Amendment activity in Lafayette Park.

Intentional or reckless harassment of park visitors with physical contact is prohibited.

Lighting or maintaining a fire, or the use of open-flame decorative devices, candles, oil lamps, torches and gas lights are not authorized by this permit.

Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents, explosive materials, fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited.

During the conduct of a demonstration, a permit may be revoked by the ranking U.S. Park Police supervisory official in charge if continuation of the event presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health or for any violation of applicable law or regulation.

## **Adverse Weather Policy:**

When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or his/or her designee, may close the permitted park area, or an event being held there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the public. Such situations have occasionally occurred in the past where park areas have been closed due to severe weather warning of heavy snow and thunderstorms with lighting and high winds. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR 2.32(2) people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations.

#### Glass Bottles/Balloons:

Balloons, alcoholic beverages and glass bottles and/or containers are **not** permitted on parkland.

#### Filming/Media:

All equipment will be portable and self-contained. All equipment must be hand carried/hand carted to filming location.

Under no circumstances will any equipment, including lighting, be allowed to be placed and/or attached to any trees, planters, light poles, structures, etc.

Cabling across entrances and handicapped accessible ramps must be ADA approved and cannot impair or prevent access. All cables must be covered to prevent tripping hazards.

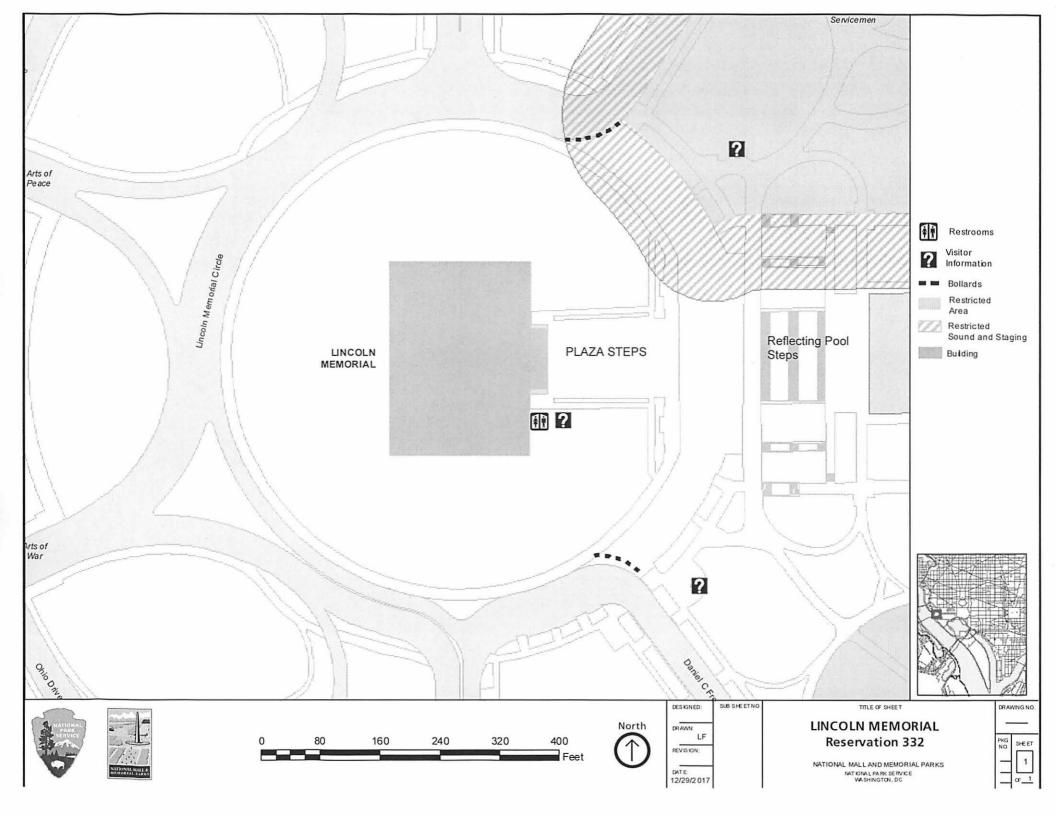
The Permittee will be responsible for any injuries and/or damage to government property occurring as a result of not complying with the conditions, of this permitted activity.

Permittee is responsible for contacting Sgt. Erich Koehler, U.S. Park Police, (202) 610-7092, to finalize all police logistics. Permittee must contact Mr. Leonard D. Lee, Division of Park Programs, on 202-359-1459, to finalize any permit logistics.

If the Permittee decides to cancel or substantially modify its event, the Permittee must immediately advise both the United States Park Police Special Events Sergeant at (202) 610-7092 and the Division of Park Programs at (202) 245-4715.

All proposed amendments or additions to this permit and all proposed locations of vehicles, equipment, storage, installations of any kind, areas of activity, work and power plans shall be submitted to the NPS for prior written approval prior to the installation of facilities. These proposals shall be in map or diagram form suitable for on the ground inspection.

A copy of this permit must be carried at all times by the Permittee while operating under the authority granted.



- 3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
- 4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons and bumper stickers which contain a message related to your demonstration or special event. No other merchandise may be sold or offered for sale. A stand or structure used for the sale of permitted items may not exceed one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 1/2 feet by 8 feet or 4 feet by 4 feet. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6 feet wide by 15 feet long by 6 feet high.
- 5. The area should be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, and all litter shall be placed in the trash containers provided.
- 6. This permit is applicable only for the use of the area designated above, and during the times designated above, or in any area as may hereafter be designated by the United States Park Police.
- 7. The use of sound amplification equipment, other than hand-portable sound amplification equipment to be used for crowd control purposes only, is prohibited on the White House Sidewalk (South 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, sidewalk between East Executive Avenue and West Executive Avenue). All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area.
- 8. The National Park Service reserves the right to immediately revoke this permit at any time should it reasonably appear that the public gathering presents a clear and present danger to the public safety, good order or health, or if any conditions of this permit are violated.

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