



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20242

IN REPLY REFER TO:

PUBLIC GATHERING PERMIT

Permit: 20-1340

Date: December 10, 2020

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): Women For America First

Dates(s): Friday, December 11, 2020

To: Saturday, December 12, 2020

Time: Starting: 12:00pm

Ending: 6:00pm

Location(s):

Freedom Plaza

Purpose: First amendment demonstration

Anticipated Number or Participants: 15000

Person(s) in Charge: Cindy Chafian

Address(es): (b) (6)

Phone Number: (b) (6)

Mobile Number: (b) (6)

On-Site Contact:

Mobile Number:

This permit is granted subject to the following conditions:

1. 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.

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ORGANIZATION'S NAME: WOMEN FOR AMERICA FIRST

LOCATION: FREEDOM PLAZA

DECEMBER 11 – 12, 2020 FROM 12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

EVENT OVERVIEW: Participants (15,000) will assemble at Freedom Plaza to conduct a first amendment demonstration on December 11 – 12, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Participants will also march from Freedom Plaza to the Supreme Court of the United States.

March route: Participants will assemble at Freedom Plaza

*Southeast on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to Constitution Avenue, NW

*East on Constitution Avenue, NW to 3rd Street, NW; Entering Capitol Grounds

*Continue east on Constitution Avenue, NW/NE to First Street, NE

*South on First Street, NE to the Supreme Court of the United States; Departing Capitol Grounds

Note, vehicles and any form of motorized transportation is not permitted with this march.

March dispersal: First Street NE in both directions towards Union Station and Capitol South metro, also down South Capitol NE and Constitution Avenue.

TIMELINE:

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Setup

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Portable toilets placement (20 regular and 4 ADA compliant)

Note, all portable toilets must be placed in groups of (5) or less, with a (6') clearance between each group.

Tents

6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.-

Security on site

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Setup

5:30 a – 10:00 a.m.

Setup

Note, starting at 6:00 a.m. there will be several street closures and parking restrictions surrounding Freedom Plaza

Attendees arrival

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Attendees arrival and music playing

Program

12:00 p.m.

Event begins

Introductions – Amy Kremer

Kylie Kremer

Pledge

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National Anthem – Cjaye, The Deplorable Choir

Speakers: Governor Kristi Noem
Mike Lindell
General Mike Flynn
Sebastian Gorka
Boris Epshteyn
Pastor Mark Burns
Congressman-elect Bob Good
Congressman-elect Madison Cawthorn
Representative Vernon Jones
Danielle D’Souza
Amy Kremer
Kylie Jane Kremer
Jennifer Hulse
Dustin Stockton
David Harris Jr.
Cjaye with The Deplorable Choir
Bryson Gray
Anna Khait
Matt Couch
Alex Phillips

1:30 p.m. Group YMCA

March

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. March from Freedom Plaza to the Supreme Court of the United States

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Final speakers at the Supreme Court of the United States

2:45 p.m. Begin breakdown of equipment on Freedom Plaza

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Equipment removal and cleanup

COVID-19 Mitigation Plan:

See attached

*Extra face mask will be available

EQUIPMENT:

Podium

Portable toilets (20 regular and 2 ADA)

Tents (VIP – 20’ x 30’, Media – 20’ x 20’, Medical – 20’ x 20’ and 10’ x 10’)

Generator

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Speakers
Portable sound system
Speaker stands
Folding tables

Medical

Contracted through GW and operational providers
One tent at Freedom Plaza
One mobile medic team
Tent team will break down and become second mobile team for the march.
Transport units-one flatbed cart and one 4 person cart

Protection of the Public & General Welfare:

All personal/private security for VIP's, speakers and other guests, must be unarmed.

The possession of firearms on National Park Service property, is subject to local and state firearms laws. Pursuant to D.C. Code §7-2509.07, pistols may not be carried at any point at a distance less than 1,000 feet from a demonstration and/or special event. Any person failing to adhere to this law, is subject to arrest and prosecution.

This permit serves as notice of this provision. It is the responsibility of permittee and visitors to understand and comply with all applicable Federal, state, and local firearms laws and regulations, including laws authorizing or prohibiting open carry, before entering a National Park.

Permittee must notify participants, marshals and volunteers using electronic and/or printed notices of all applicable firearms laws in the District of Columbia.

Any person who must carry a firearm as part of an official law enforcement duty in support of a permitted event, must contact the United States Park Police, Special Events Office, (202) 610-7092.

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

The creation or maintenance of a hazardous or physically offensive condition on parkland is prohibited.

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

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

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March Route-Public Safety/Traffic Control:

No disruption and/or stoppage of traffic permitted.

Participants must exercise appropriate traffic courtesies and cross intersections with traffic signals and/or with the direction of law enforcement.

Permittee is responsible for providing marshals at all intersections to ensure the participants obey traffic signals and/or the instructions of law enforcement.

Permittee is responsible for notifying the United States Park Police of any course of march changes, amending permit to reflect the changes, and providing notice to participants.

A. This permit authorizes the use of Freedom Plaza.

B. 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.

All structures must be able to withstand a minimum wind gust of 90 mph and must follow the guidelines below and adhere to National Fire Protection Association codes.

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.

C. Demonstration Marshals (25): Wearing black t-shirts “1st Amendment Praetorians) and a lapel pin-

Demonstration marshals should be aware of their responsibilities and location(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.

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D. Logistical vehicles must unload and load from the street curb. All equipment must be hand-carried and/or hand-carted to event site. **Neither driving nor parking allowed on Freedom Plaza.** All vehicles must park in designated, available public spaces.

E. 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 Freedom Plaza and its environs. **To protect the resources, stages, stands and other facilities approved for placement on Freedom Plaza and Pennsylvania Avenue walkways, must be supported by 3/4 inch plywood or similar material. All protective pads or cushioning devices shall be non-staining.**

No food and/or beverage set up permitted on Freedom Plaza without approval from the National Park Service (NPS).

F. Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(5)(vi)(C), 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.

G. **Electricity**

Permittee may provide own gasoline and/or solar powered generator(s) to provide power for tents, trailers, video and sound, towers and lighting.

Generators will be installed in accordance with the site plan, D.C. Fire Department guidelines, and safely installed per manufacturer requirements. **The fueling/refueling of gasoline powered generators on parkland is prohibited. The storage of additional fuel is prohibited.**

At a minimum, for hand carted generators, 1" professional outdoor grade plywood, or similar material must be placed underneath the generator to protect the underlying surfaces from potential weight and vibration damage and fluid leakage. Generators must be encased with a secondary drip containment unit.

Tow plant generator(s) must have an internal secondary drip containment unit and/or placed in containment troughs and be fenced in or closed in with bike rack.

All wires must be covered by mats and/or yellow jackets to prevent tripping hazards. The cord must be in good condition, of sufficient gauge to accommodate the electrical load of equipment and must be properly grounded.

All cables, power lines, etc. shall be run in an orderly manner and contained in matted yellow jackets that provide for safety and accessibility. No power lines/phone lines can be strung between trees.

A Fire extinguisher must be within 15 feet of generator(s).

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The storage of fuel on parkland, in trailers, next to generators and at other NPS locations is strictly prohibited.

Special attention is drawn to the last sentence, item #7, last page of this permit, concerning sound amplification. All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area. **NOTE: amplified sound during the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. is prohibited**

H. CAMPING

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 7.96(i), camping is prohibited. Camping is defined as the use of the park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparation to sleep (including the laying down or bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities. The above-listed activities constitute camping when it reasonably appears, in light of all the circumstances that the participants, in conducting these activities, are in fact using the area as a living accommodation regardless of the intent of the participants or the nature of any other activities in which they may also be engaging.

I. Special attention is drawn to item #4, last page of this permit concerning fees collected and donations solicited on parkland. No merchandise may be sold or offered for sale except for message bearing books, newspapers, leaflets, pamphlets, buttons and bumper stickers. . Sales areas can be no larger than 6' wide by 15' long by 6' high, and can have only one table 2 ½ ' by 8', or 4' by 4'. **The sale of Tee Shirts, CD's, cassette tapes and other similar materials is prohibited. No sales are associated with this permit.**

J. Permittee does not have exclusive use of the area including walks and roadways. No interference with the pedestrian traffic and no blocking entrances or driveways allowed.

K. The Permittee will be responsible for any injuries and/or damage to government property occurring as a result of this permitted activity.

L. Comfort Facilities:

If attendance is expected to exceed the capacity of nearby NPS public comfort facilities, or if none exist in or near the requested park area, the Permittee must provide portable, temporary toilets with sufficient capacity to accommodate anticipated attendance. The general guideline is a minimum of one (1) portable toilet per three hundred (300) people, of which at least twenty percent (20%) must be handicapped accessible.

All portable toilets must be placed in groups of (5) or less, with a (6') clearance between each group.

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M. Balloons and glass beverage containers are prohibited on parkland.

N. Tents: To protect the turf, tents should be located on hardscape surfaces including gravel, asphalt, concrete, granite, wood, etc. tents and other similar structures must be secured using cement blocks and/or water-filled ballast tanks. No stakes are permitted on hardscape surfaces.

Non-freezing, no-staining liquid approved by the NPS (water treated with bio-degradable antifreeze) in plastic containers and/or cement blocks, shall be used as weighing elements. No sand bags are permitted for this purpose. Non-staining pads must be placed underneath cement blocks to prevent scapping/scaring of hardscape surfaces.

At takedown, all water filled ballast tanks must be pumped to the nearest catch basin (located within the curbs) or to the area drains located throughout the hardscape. Tanks may not be drained into the turf or pumped in gravel areas. This prevents creation of muddy puddles and soft areas in the turf and also limits runoff of gravel into area drains.

Tents must be constructed of fire retardant material. A certificate of fire retardant material must be provided as confirmation to the NPS.

O. Trash Removal:

Permittee is responsible for removing all trash and debris resulting from this permitted activity immediately following the conclusion of this activity. Permittee is responsible for collecting and bagging all trash **IN CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS** from the area after the event.

P. Permittee is responsible for contacting the Metropolitan Police Department, (202) 671-6522, to obtain the necessary approval and/or paperwork for the use of property under their jurisdictions.

Q. Filming/Photography: All equipment will be portable and self-contained and have rubber tips and/or similar protective material to protect the surface. 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.

R. Permittee will at all times provide an on-site coordinator to be accessible to National Park Service and United States Park Police personnel throughout all activities associated with the first amendment activity. Permittee has designated James Lyles, (b) (6) as onsite coordinator.

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R. Unarmed overnight security – Zachary L. Rugen, Director of Operations & Personnel Management, (b) (6). Point of contacts: Ken Goodwin, Jerry Anders, Laurence Kennedy and Greg Kurbatoff.

S. Permittee must contact Special Events Sergeant, U.S. Park Police, 202-610-7092, to finalize any police logistics.

T. Permittee must contact Deborah Deas, Division of Park Programs, on 202-680-8804, to finalize any program logistics.

U. 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.

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

2. All sidewalks, walkways, and roadways must remain unobstructed to allow for the reasonable use
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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By:
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National Mall & Memorial Parks

Women For America First Covid 19 Mitigation Plan

Women for America First recognizes the significant concerns to public health resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Accordingly, the following plan is provided for the December 12, 2020 Washington DC March.

General:

- Plan using CDC guidance and best practices to mitigate spread of COVID-19
- Advise potential attendees to stay home if they:
 - Have tested positive for COVID-19
 - Are showing COVID-19 symptoms
 - Or if they have had a close contact with a person who has symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 14 days.

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Wear a mask unless unable to (formal speakers with 6' separation exempted when speaking)
- Masks should not be placed on:
 - Babies or children younger than 2 years old
 - Anyone who has trouble breathing
 - Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance

Social Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette:

- Practice social distancing with those outside your immediate party.
- Sanitize often
- Avoid handshaking.
- Provide all staff with information on proper use, removal, and washing of masks

Mitigation Supplies:

- Ample hand sanitizer.
- Mobile hand washing stations
- Disinfectant wipes

Communication:

- Provide messaging to stop the spread (signage, social distancing, etc)
- Address the public at the start of event

Volunteers / Staff Mitigation:

- Use disposable gloves when possible
- After using disposable gloves, throw them out in a lined trash can
- Do not disinfect or reuse the gloves, wash hands after removing gloves

Additionally, all participants are encouraged to review the Washington DC COVID-19 Health Guidelines available at: coronavirus.dc.gov