



IN REPLY REFER TO:

# 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: NCA-NAMA-EVNT24-1278

Date: July 23, 2024

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): ANSWER Coalition

Dates & Time(s): 7/24/2024 5:00 AM

To: 7/24/2024 4:00 PM

Location(s):

Columbus Plaza; John Marshall Park; Pennsylvania Avenue North Sidewalk, 3rd - 5th Street  
Pennsylvania Avenue South Sidewalk, 3rd - 5th Street

Purpose: Stop the genocide in Gaza

Anticipated Number or Participants: 5000

Person(s) in Charge: Brian Becker

Address(es): [REDACTED] Washington, Washington, DC, 20001

Phone Number: [REDACTED] Mobile Number:

On-Site Contact: Layan Fuleihan

Mobile Number: [REDACTED]

On-Site Contact: Mara Verheyden-Hilliard

Mobile Number: [REDACTED]

On-Site Contact: Carl Messineo

Mobile Number: [REDACTED]

\*Organizer refused to provide specific locations for onsite contacts.

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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ISSUED TO: ANSWER COALITION

LOCATION: JOHN MARSHALL PARK, PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NHS, NORTH AND SOUTH SIDEWALKS, AND COLUMBUS PLAZA

DATE: JULY 24, 2024 (5:00 AM –4:00 PM)

**Activity Overview:**

The ANSWER Coalition will conduct a demonstration to stop the genocide in Gaza. The demonstration will occur from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm feature speeches and conclude with a march to Columbus Plaza. The primary location for the demonstration is on the closed portion of Pennsylvania Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Streets. There will be portable restrooms, hydration station, button sales area and a first aid stand setup in John Marshal Park. The Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalks between 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Street will be used as overflow area for participants. The maximum estimated number of participants is 5000.

**Timeline Overview****Pennsylvania Avenue -3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Street (MPD Jurisdiction)**

5:00 am	Setup of Stage and delay towers
6:00 am - 12:00 pm	Staggered bus drops on C Street between 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Pre-rally music and speeches
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Demonstration
1:00 pm 1:15 pm	March to Columbus Plaza

**John Marshal Park and Pennsylvania Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Streets**

5:00 am	Delivery of portable restrooms and setup of tents
6:00 am - 11:00 am	Buses arrive.
6:00 am – 2:00 pm	Portable Restrooms, First Aid and Hydration Stations open
1:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Clean up and removal of equipment
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Buses pickup on C Street

**Columbus Plaza**

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	March arrives in Columbus Plaza
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Rally: chant, hold signs.
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Participants begin to disperse.

**John Marshall Park -authorized equipment.**

3 - 10x10ft Canopy Tents

**VOLUNTEER TENT:**

Table x3

Chairs x10

**WATER TENT:**

Table x3

Chairs x10

Water

**FIRST AID TENT:**

Table x3

Chairs x10

**Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalks (north and south)**

Table

Buttons

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**Columbus Plaza**

Handheld signs

Portable sound system

**March route**

Exit Pennsylvania Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

East on Constitution Avenue cross 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Northeast onto Louisiana Avenue

East on Massachusetts Avenue

Enter Columbus Plaza

**General Conditions**

- A. This permit authorizes the use of the following park areas located within National Mall and Memorial Parks from 5:00 am on July 24 and concluding at 4:00 pm on July 24, 2024:
  - a. John Marshall Park
  - b. Pennsylvania Avenue NHS north and south sidewalks between 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Streets
  - c. Columbia Plaza (2:00 pm -4:00 pm)
- B. All structures must adhere to attached site plan; no additional structure (s) may be erected except in accordance with the site plan, permit and in coordination with permits office. Permittee indicated they are no longer setting up symbolic tents as part of the demonstration. Structures not listed in the permit will be removed and all permitted structures must be erected by the start of the demonstration rally start time. See equipment list above. **No site plan was provided by organizer as required by event guidelines.**
- C. **\*NOTE: Due to the possibility of security measures, Presidential movements, and Head of State visits, permitted activity locations may be, temporarily moved and/or suspended.**
- D. The permittee is responsible for adhering to NCA Fire and Life Safety Temporary Event Policy and ensuring that all generators, tents, portable heaters and other applicable equipment adhere to requirements outlined with the document and this permit. The permittee assumes full responsibility for event elements safety and must ensure their contractors fully understand requirements outlined in the permit. In addition, the site must be ready for inspection by AHJ and/or designated representative prior to the event and upon request.
- E. The Permittee is responsible for obtaining the necessary permissions and/or additional permits from the Metropolitan Police Department (202) 671-6522, United States Capitol Police (202) 224-8891 or from other federal, state or local agencies or departments for the use of public lands other than those under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.
- F. **Due to the exceptional time constraints associated with this permit and the complexity of multiple vendors bringing materials and equipment to park land, special attention is assigned to the requirement that the permittee must at all times provide an on-site coordinator at each permitted location to be accessible to National Park Service and United States Park Police personnel during the setup activities and during the load in/out of the event.**

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- G. **If Permittee or its agents/representatives/contractors/subcontractors cause any injury or damage to park system resources, they may be liable for costs and damages in accordance with the System Unit Resource Protection Act, 54 USC §§ 100721-100725.**
- H. **Permittee will be responsible for any injury to, loss of, or damage to federally owned or controlled lands, waters, or resources (natural or cultural resources or facilities) resulting from Permittee's activities under this permit, 18 USC § 1361.**
- I. All request, correspondence and meetings with the National Park Service pertaining to this permit shall be scheduled by the permittee in writing only. All contractors, subcontractors or consultants must channel their request through the recognized representatives of the permittee who in turn will contact the National Park Service representative.
- J. The Permittee is responsible for providing all necessary equipment/objects 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 be removed by the National Park Service.
- K. Throughout the course of the permit, the Permittee will require employees/volunteers, and contractors, to exercise special care and attention to protect the resources of the permitted area and its environs. In addition, the Permittee must supervise their contractors, volunteers, and employees during setup and teardown to assure that there is no damage to park resources. The onsite contacts for ANSWER are:
1. John Marshal Park:
  2. Columbus Plaza:
  3. Pennsylvania Avenue North Sidewalk b/w 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Strs.:
  4. Pennsylvania Avenue South Sidewalk b/w 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Strs.:

The contacts must be present physically present at each of the location for the entire duration demonstration permit times. (See above timelines)

- L. The permittee shall require all employees and/or contractors to exercise all normal and reasonable safety precautions and to protect park visitors and property. Suitable devices such as barricades, fences, lanterns, etc. necessary for employee and public safety, shall be provided and adequately maintained. Such devices require the concurrence of the NPS Coordinator or designated representative.
- M. **Marshals:** The ANSWER Coalition will provide at least 200 identifiable marshals to coordinate the various areas of the demonstration. All marshals involved with the organization will wear hi-res security vest and/or armbands. Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96 (g)(5)(xii) organizers must undertake in good faith all reasonable action to provide sufficient marshals, to ensure good order and self-discipline in conducting such demonstration. Marshals should be aware of their responsibilities and location(s) where they will be stationed and have received from organizers adequate training and instructions. 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. Marshals' area expected to report any problems they observe to Law Enforcement and/or National Park Service Permit Monitors. While 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 they observe a problem on Federal parkland.

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- N. **No interference with the pedestrian traffic and no blocking of entrances, sidewalks, or driveways is allowed. No impediment to or disruption of vehicular traffic is permitted. All areas are to remain open to the general public at all times.**
- O. **Medical Aid:** Person in charge is responsible for providing first aid services onsite. Permittee is required to adhere to recommendations provided by DC Fire and EMS. Permittee can rely on 911 for transport of patient. At a minimum permittee must have one Basic Life Support Medical Aid station and mobile med teams in all permitted locations. Please see attached plan for permittee medical plan.
1. **John Marshall Park**
- Permittee per written first aid plan: Hydration Station(1) and First Aid Station (1) staffed by doctors, nurses and health care professionals from 10 am - ~1:00 pm.
- P. **Commercial Advertising Signage:** Consistent with long-standing NPS regulations and policy, and Public Law 108-108, Title I, §145, the erection, placement, or use of structures and signs bearing commercial advertising is prohibited for any special event. The recognition of special events sponsors, however, may be allowed if it has been specifically authorized by this permit.

A permit may be issued that authorizes the recognition of sponsors of special events, if the NPS determines that the size and form of the recognition is consistent with the special nature and sanctity of the National Mall or any other requested park area, and if the lettering or design identifying the sponsor is no larger than one- third the size of the lettering or design identifying the special event. Further, to the maximum extent practicable for such special events, public use of and, access to the National Mall and other parkland is not to be restricted.

The Permittee shall submit a sign plan for NPS review and approval. Any request seeking NPS approval for sponsor recognition must be submitted to the NPS at least 14 days prior to the proposed event, and if approved by the NPS, will be authorized within the terms of the special event permit. Authorized sponsor recognition must be in keeping with NPS policy, regulations, and laws and be appropriate to the scale and theme of the special event. Further, the overall size, number, and design of any signs or banners shall be appropriate to the park setting and lettering or design identifying the special event. Signs and banners may not be affixed to existing trees or other NPS facilities or structures.

**Only signs and/or banners specifically identifying and/or announcing the event or portion of the event are permitted. Commercial sponsors may be recognized on these same banners by letters and/or logos not to exceed one-third the height and width of the primary lettering identifying the event.**

- Q. Special attention is drawn to item #4, on the last page of this document, concerning solicitation and sales. 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. **Permittee will have onsite sales at John Marshall Park, Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalks north and south between 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Streets, the stand or structure may consist of one table per site, which may be no larger than 2 ½ ft by 8ft or 4ft by 4ft. The dimensions of the sales site may not exceed 6ft (w) by 15ft long by 6ft high. No other items maybe sold other than those listed.**
- Sales table is located in the John Marshall Park and Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalks between 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Streets, permittee has not provided a detailed site plan. Permittee has indicated the sales of buttons.**

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- R. **All sound amplification equipment shall be limited so that it will not unreasonably disturb nonparticipating persons in, or in the vicinity of, the area. National Park Service has issued a Record of Determination in John Marshall Park during regular business hours, therefore no amplified sound is allowed in John Marshall Park as part of this activity.**
- S. **Balloons of any kind, glass containers and alcoholic beverages are not permitted.**
- T. **The collection of entry/registration fee is prohibited on parkland.**
- U. Permittee's desiring the use of temporary structures, i.e. cable trusses, stages, audio and/or video towers and tents, whose dimensions are (500) square feet or more, shall provide Life Safety Code certification statements confirming the safety of all temporary structures. In the event that the manufacture's certifications are not available, permittee will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for NPS review and approval. **Smaller structures cannot be attached or within 5ft of another to create a larger structure.**
- V. All activities pursuant to this permit shall be in compliance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252; 42 U.S.C. 200d ed seg.); Title V, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 394; 29 U.S.C 794); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (89 Stat. 728; 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seg.); and with all other Federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination of grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap, religion, or sex in employment and in providing facilities and services to the public. Nothing advertising for employees shall be done which will prevent those covered by these laws from qualifying for employment.
- W. **Portable Restrooms:** 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 (1) portable toilet per (300) people, of which at least twenty percent (%20) must be handicapped accessible. The restrooms should be grouped in banks of five with a six-foot clearance between each bank.
  - 1. John Marshall Park– 10 Portable Restrooms –The portable restrooms must be hand carted and retrieved for the area.
  - 2. Portable restroom trucks may not drive on sidewalk and should furnish a hose long enough to clean portable restrooms
  - 3. Portable restrooms must be delivered and removed the same day of the demonstration.
- X. **Tents:** Permittee's authorized use of temporary structures, i.e. cable trusses, stages, audio and/or video towers and tents, whose dimensions are (900) square feet or more, **shall provide Life Safety Code certification statements confirming the safety of all temporary structures. In the event that the manufacture's certifications are not available, permittee will submit to the NPS stamped engineered drawings for NPS review and approval. Smaller structures cannot be attached or within 5ft of another to create a larger structure.**
  - a. **A minimum 10ft. clearance must be maintained from tents to any flammable or combustible materials or vegetation.**

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**b. Aisle Width:** The width of aisles serving seating at tables shall be not less than 44 in. where serving occupant load exceeding 50 people, and 36 in. where serving an occupant load of 49 people or fewer. In addition all tent exits must have a minimum head clearance height of 7ft.

**c. Exit and Occupant Loads for Enclosed Tents:** Tents that have sides attached and those with rolled up sides which are capable of being enclosed shall meet the following occupancy load and exit requirements.

Y. Occupant Load Number	Z. Floor Area	AA. Approx. Tent Sizes	BB. Min. Exits
CC. <49 people	DD. <343 Sq. Ft.	EE. 10'x10', 10'x30', 15'x15'	FF. 1
GG. 50-499 people	HH. 350-3,493 Sq. Ft.	II. 15'x 30', 40' x 40', 40' x80'	JJ. 2
KK. 500-999 people	LL. 3,500-6,993 Sq. Ft.	MM. 40' x 100', 60' x 100'	NN. 3
OO. >1000 people	PP. >7,000 Sq. Ft.	QQ. 80' x 100', 60'x 160'	RR. 4 or more

**SS. Tents must be supported by water barrels or cement blocks. STAKING IS NOT PERMITTED. In order to prevent damage to brick, stonework, or other surfaces, protective material such as plywood, carpet squares or rubber pads must be in place under all equipment, including speaker stands, lighting stands, generators, tables and tents.**

**TT. GENERATORS:** No generators have been requested at the permitted areas, therefore generators are prohibited.

**UU.** Contact Park Ranger Marisa Richardson, National Park Service, at (202) 245-4715, with questions or to discuss additional information regarding logistical setup.

**VV.** Contact Lt. Timothy Van Dyke , United States Park Police, 202-426-6710 , with questions concerning police procedures or logistics.

**WW.** NPS and USPP onsite representatives

- Marisa Richardson 202-528-9610
- Martin Torres 202-603-9499
- Tim Van Dyke 202- 202-768-1912

**XX. In case of an emergency, please contact USPP dispatch at (202) 610-7500.**

**A complete and legible copy of this permit must be retained on-site by the Permittee at all times while operating under the authority granted.**

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**General Resource Protection:**

YY. Pursuant to 36 CFR 7.96(g)(xii), the alteration, damage, or removal of park resources or facilities is prohibited. No holes may be dug and no item, including signs or banners, may be attached to park trees, plantings, benches, fences, light standards, or any other park landscape element.

**ZZ. It is prohibited to climb, remove, or in any way injure any statue seat, wall, fountain, light poles, elevator towers, or other erection or architectural feature, or any tree, shrub, or landscaping feature within the park. Permittee is responsible for informing event participants and providing marshals to ensure compliance with this permit condition.**

AAA. **Public Access:** Sidewalks and entrances seven feet wide or larger, a six foot minimum clearance must be maintained at all times to allow for two wheelchairs to pass each other . And for sidewalks and entrances of (5-6) feet wide, a four-foot minimum width must be maintained at all times for wheel chair accessibility.

BBB. **In order to prevent damage to brick, stonework, or other surfaces, protective material such as plywood or rubber pads must be in place under all equipment, including speaker stands, lighting stands, generators, tables and tents.**

CCC. Helium inflated items and drones are not permitted on Parkland.

DDD. **Trash/debris pickup:** Permittee indicated to be responsible for all trash and debris from the permitted areas immediately after the conclusion of the demonstration. Trash receptacles for this effort shall be provided and removed from the site accordingly by the permit holder. Trash receptacles must not overflow with trash or debris. Use of clear trash bags is required for all trash receptacles used for the event.

EEE. **Fire Hydrants:** A minimum 36 in. of clear space shall be maintained to permit access to and operation of fire protection equipment, fire department inlet connections, or fire protection system control valves. Vehicles must maintain a 15 ft. clearance of all fire hydrants.

FFF. **Outdoor Equipment. (A) Wet Locations.** All switches, circuit breakers, receptacles, control equipment, and metering devices located in wet locations shall be weatherproof.  
**(NFPA70:551.78 (2017))**

GGG. **OPEN-FLAME DEVICES.** Open-flame decorative devices, **candles, oil lamps, decorative torches and gas lights** are **NOT authorized** in any tent or temporary structures.

HHH. **COMBUSTIBLE OR FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS shall NOT be stored on NPS property.**  
**NCA-AHJ**

III. **Weather (adverse) Policy during an Event Program:** When there is a threat to public health or safety, the Superintendent and/or designee, may close the National Mall or an event being hold there for such duration as determined necessary to ensure the safety and well being 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, thunderstorms with lightning, high winds, cold and intense heat. Where an area is ordered closed due to a weather-related public safety threat, pursuant to 36 CFR

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2.32 people must comply with official directions to leave the closed area and relocate to safer sheltered locations. Weather will be monitored throughout the duration of the event. Permittee is responsible for ensuring that adequate resources are available to deal with extreme weather conditions. For example extreme heat, cold, snow etc. Permittee is responsible for removing snow from flooring, however the Park Superintendent must approve type equipment used or any deicer.

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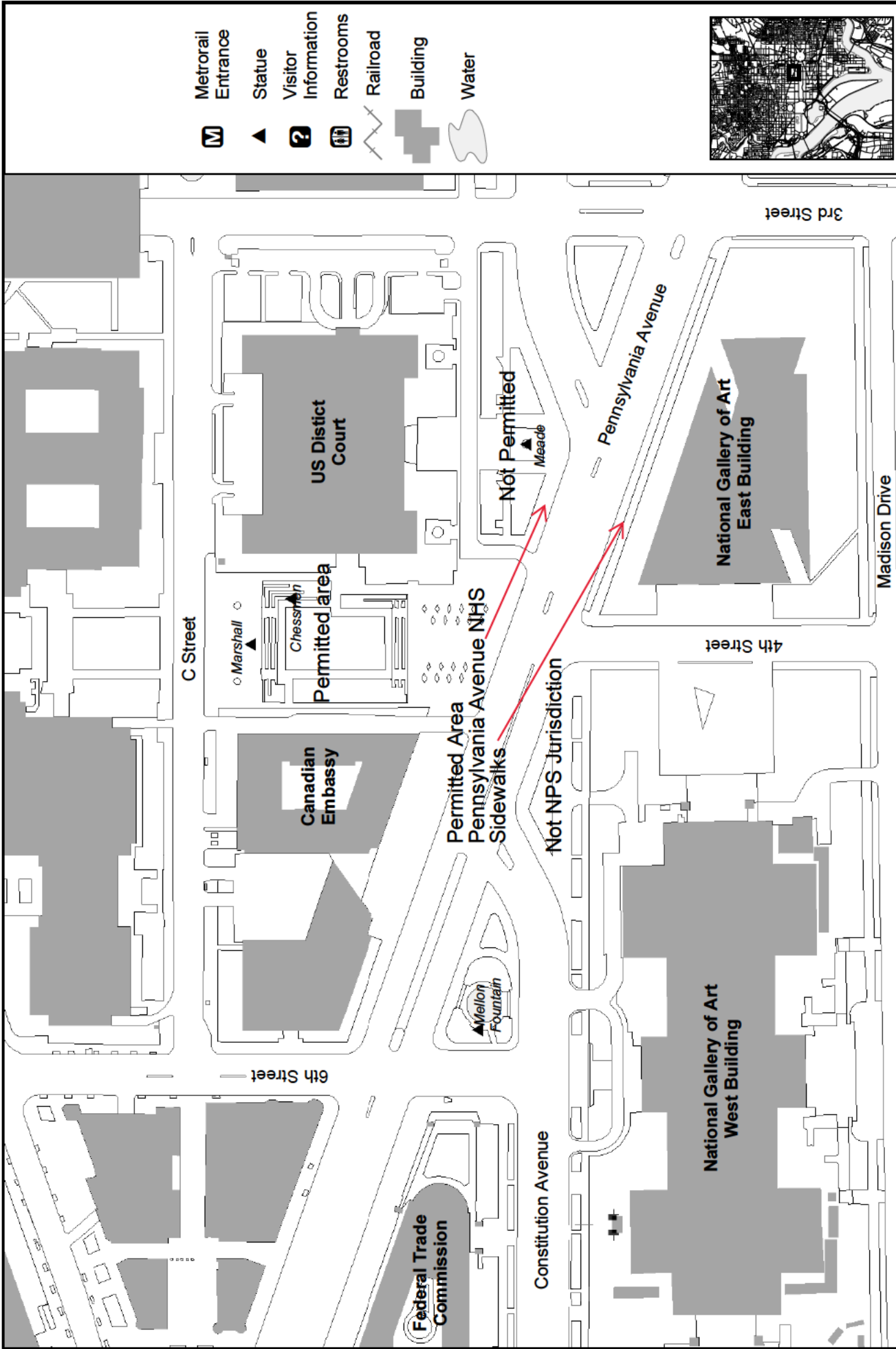
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3. All laws, rules and regulations applicable to the area covered by this permit remain in effect.
4. No fee may be collected, donation solicited, or commercial activity conducted. No items may be sold or offered for sale except for books, newspapers, 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. 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.

Lisa Mendelson  
Regional Director  
National Capital Region



By:  
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Chief, Division of Permits Management  
National Mall and Memorial Parks



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