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The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies is responsible for all inaugural events at the U.S. Capitol, including the Oaths of Office for the President and Vice-President. Information may be found online at <http://www.inaugural.senate.gov/>.

The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies distributes tickets for the ceremonies at the U.S. Capitol directly to Members of the 111th Congress. The Committee does not provide tickets to the public.

All other inaugural activities are under the purview of the Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC), which is a not-for-profit committee that represents the president-elect. The PIC is responsible for planning and executing inaugural activities in the nation's capital with the exception of those events planned and executed by the Joint Congressional Committee On Inaugural Ceremonies.

Some of the events planned by the Presidential Inaugural Committee will require tickets. Information on tickets for these official inaugural events will be available when the Presidential Inaugural Committee Web site is active. At that time, we will provide a link here.

(Information courtesy of the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC) website: <http://www.afic.northcom.mil/pic.html>)

Tickets

All official tickets to the Inaugural Ceremonies are provided free of charge. No tickets may be bought or sold.

Congresswoman Slaughter's office is currently accepting requests for tickets to the Inaugural Ceremony from residents of New York's 28th Congressional District. Tickets will be allocated in the fairest way possible. Please note however, that the demand for tickets will exceed the supply and that you are not guaranteed a ticket.

To request tickets to the Inaugural Ceremony please call any of Congresswoman Slaughter's offices. If you are allotted a ticket, the office will contact you a few days before the inauguration.

Please note that Wednesday, November 26th is the cut-off for ticket requests. Designees will be informed by December 10th.

Other Information

All Inaugural Ceremony attendees will be required to go through vigorous security screening. A list of prohibited items will be made available in January.

Most tickets will be for standing areas only.

Historically, this event is cold and wet. The crowds will be very large, seating will not be provided, and guests will likely be outside in the cold for at least three hours.

Washington DC is expecting unprecedented number of visitors during the inauguration. Visitors are encouraged to plan accordingly and set-up accommodations and transportation, which may be limited, as soon as possible.

Access to the U.S. Capitol

The U.S. Capitol will be closed to the public from 5:00pm on Saturday, January 17, 2009, until 3:00pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Public tours will resume on Wednesday, January 21, 2009