



CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CITY OF CHICAGO

June 17, 2024

Israel Loves America
C/O Aya Shechter
6530 Winnetka Ave
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Dear Aya Shechter,

Pursuant to Section 10-8-334(b)(2) of the Municipal Code of Chicago ("Code"), your application dated June 13, 2024, for an assembly on August 22, 2024, is denied for the following reasons:

1. Under Section 10-8-334(b)(2) of the Code, the Commissioner finds that your proposed assembly would be a direct interference with a previously planned permitted activity or public assembly and would create public safety issues as outlined in Section 10-8-330(g)(1)-(4). Specifically, from August 19, 2024, through August 22, 2024, Chicago will host the 2024 Democratic National Convention (DNC), a large presidential nominating convention that will involve the attendance of delegates from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. The DNC has been declared a National Special Security Event (NSSE). Many high-level protectees, including President Biden, and other governmental and political leaders will attend the convention. Security perimeters for the DNC near secured locations will create significant impediments and restrict access to portions of the public way during the time requested for this assembly. Additionally, safety measures will require that your requested permit area be closed or restricted at the time of the proposed assembly because there is not a sufficient number of on-duty police officers, or other city employees, authorized to police the public and the DNC while securing an assembly at the location for the dates and times requested in your application.

In addition to policing the entire downtown area, including the hotel zone and business district, and the routing of traffic near and to McCormick Place and the United Center, police and other city resources will also be required to provide services, including proper fire and police protection or ambulance services, to the DNC event and entire city. Thus, sufficient city resources are not available to mitigate the disruption that would be caused by the proposed assembly, or to police and protect assembly participants and non-participants in light of these other demands. Although your application for an assembly is denied as to the precise terms of your June 13, 2024, application your group is authorized to conduct an assembly under the following conditions:

Date(s): August 22, 2024

Start time: 6:00pm

End time: 9:00pm

Assembly area: 1919 W. Maypole Street, at park number 578

This alternate permit only authorizes the use of the public way. To the extent your proposed event may desire to utilize the property of the Chicago Park District, another governmental entity, or a private owner, authorization of such locations must be sought directly from the affected entity.


If you wish to accept this alternate assembly permit subject to the above indicated specifications, Section 10-8-334(c)(1) of the Municipal Code requires that you file a written notice of acceptance with the Commissioner of the City of Chicago Department of Transportation, Public Way Permit Office, 121 N. La Salle Street, Room 905, Chicago, Illinois, 60602 or email address CDOTPermitsupport@cityofchicago.org, within 5 business days of the date of this notification. Failure to provide such notice within the time provided will result in the authorization for the alternate assembly permit being rescinded.

The Department of Transportation reserves the right to modify or condition any issued assembly permit due to developing circumstances and information surrounding the DNC, including circumstances outside of the City of Chicago's control, and subject to any federal government limitations, including but not limited to, 18 USC § 1752 for this assembly permit.

If you believe your application is being wrongfully denied, you may appeal this decision by filing and appeal with the Department of Administrative Hearings. Your appeal should be filed with the Director of the Department of Administrative Hearings, 740 N. Sedgwick Street, 6th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60654. If no appeal is filed with the Department of Administrative Hearings within five business days of notice of this decision, this decision shall be deemed final.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact Bryan Gallardo at 312-744-4652

Sincerely,



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