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Capitol Police Receive First Noon-Hour Protest Permit Application

Event application approved in one day

The Capitol Police Department received and approved the first permit application by one of the regular attendees of the noon sing-a-long protest that takes place at the Capitol building each weekday. On February 5, the Capitol Police received a permit application from Greg Gordon, representing the Scales of Justice. The permit was approved on February 6. The Capitol Police issue event permits regardless of political party, affiliation, or content.

The permit application was to use the first floor Capitol rotunda on Monday, February 18, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. to include a music performance. The only request by Capitol Police was to keep the noise and music to a reasonable level.

Gordon later contacted the Capitol Police Department to cancel his event, but that does not negate that the permit was approved.

There is no application cost, and 129 event permits have already been approved for 2013. There were 496 events approved in 2012, with only five applications denied because the event was to be held on City property or the date and time had already been booked.

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