



Obama Presidential Center Event Spaces

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**“
My experience in Chicago made
me believe in the power of place
and the power of people. Those
beliefs guided me all the way
through my presidency, and they
have shaped our vision for
the Obama Presidential Center.”**

President Obama



Introduction

The Obama Presidential Center is a global site dedicated to fostering a culture of democracy and positive change. The Center is a hub for activity—with a diversity of spaces, programs, and events that welcome visitors and inspire them to take action. Designed by Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects, our campus offers visitors the chance to share ideas and create the world they want to live in.

This campus has been designed to meet the needs of the community, including programming and special events. Various spaces are also available for event rental in the Museum and Forum Buildings, Home Court at the Obama Presidential Center, the Fruit & Vegetable Garden Pavilion, and more. As part of the rental experience, guests have access to our campus food and beverage partners, as well as robust audio visual technology and other specialized event support, all amid world-renowned art and other exclusive elements of this singular campus.

**We invite you to host your event at
the Obama Presidential Center.**

Museum Building

The Obama Presidential Center Museum Building is a world-class immersive landmark for the South Side, welcoming visitors to Jackson Park. The Building's design embodies the idea of ascension and upward movement from "Me" to "We", starting from the grassroots level. Inside, exhibits explore the fullness of the American story while the exterior of the Building features President Obama's speech honoring the 1965 Selma, Alabama march.

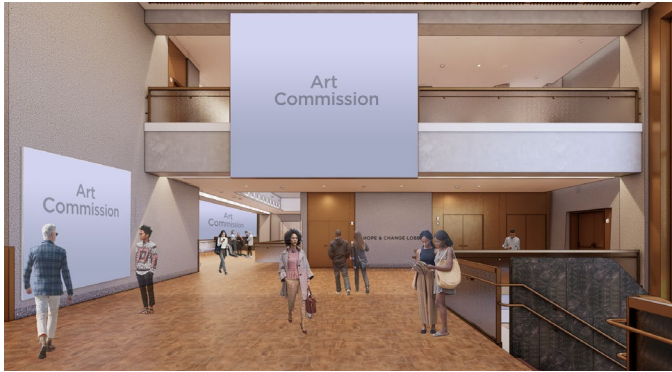
Spaces in the Museum Building can accommodate reception-style events for up to 500 people, and seated dinners for up to 220 people. Distinct venues available for events include the **Hope and Change Lobby**, the **Our Story Lobby**, the **Sky Room** and **Sky Room Vista**, the **Presidential Suite**, and the **Plaza Overlook**. Private tours of the Museum Exhibit Galleries, led by our Visitor Experience Team, are available as an add-on to any rental within the museum.

Space availability varies by location. Please inquire for specific location details. The Museum is available for a full exclusive buyout after 5 p.m.

Our Story Lobby



Hope and Change Lobby



Plaza Overlook



Room	Capacity [†]	Level
Hope and Change Lobby	500 reception-style	Lower Level, Level 1, Mezzanine
Presidential Suite	18 seated 50 reception-style	Level 7
Sky Room/ Sky Room Vista	220 seated 299 reception-style	Level 8
Our Story Lobby	199 reception-style	Lower Level
Plaza Overlook	22 seated	Mezzanine
Museum Buyout (Presidential Suite not included)	600 reception-style	

[†]All capacities are current estimates and are subject to change.

Forum Building

Nestled into the undulating landscape of Jackson Park, the Forum Building is a vibrant space of exchange, co-creation, and transformation. Its collaborative and creative spaces are brought to life by inspiring artwork, views of the Plaza, and two stunning courtyards.

Rentals in the Forum Building include the **Elie Wiesel Auditorium**, the **Hadiya Pendleton Winter Garden**, flexible **Programming Rooms in the Democracy In Action Lab Programs Wing**, the recording studios in the **Media Suite**, and the **Obama Presidential Center Restaurant**.

The Forum Building is available for full private rental. Please inquire for additional information and availability. Event timing is subject to hours of operation.

Winter Garden



Programming Rooms in the Democracy In Action Lab Programs Wing



Media Suite



Room	Capacity [†]	Level
Auditorium	299 seated	Level 1
Full Winter Garden	300 reception-style	Level 1
South Winter Garden*	150 reception-style	Level 1
North Winter Garden*	150 reception-style	Level 1
Flexible Program Rooms A-D	75 theater-style per room 299 theater-style combined	Lower Level
Independent Program Rooms E-G	72 theater-style per room	Lower Level
Media Suite	100 reception-style	Lower Level
Restaurant	120 seated	Level 1
Restaurant Private Dining Room	24 seated	Level 1
Forum Roof	600 reception-style	
Roof, Plaza, Winter Garden (non-exclusive)	1000 reception-style	

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*semi-private

Home Court at the Obama Presidential Center

Main Court



The Home Court is the largest convening area at the Obama Presidential Center and will serve as a hub for activities and gatherings for the South Side community. This 45,000-square-foot athletic center and multipurpose space is the ideal venue for a variety of professional meetings and conferences, community events, and personal celebrations.

Designed by Moody Nolan Architects, this elegant glass, stone, and metal structure features grand views of the campus, an NBA regulation-size basketball court, and flexible seating able to accommodate different styles of events. Just outside of the Center's doors, community members can find play areas, walking trails, and a sledding hill. The Home Court also features several multipurpose rooms created to foster your creative and intellectual pursuits.

The Home Court can host up to 700 people seated or up to 999 people in theater or reception-style. From milestone celebrations to large-scale weddings, this multipurpose space is the perfect canvas for celebratory social events.

Home Court Lobby



Main Level Multipurpose Room



Room	Capacity [†]	Level
Main Court	700 seated 999 theater-style and reception-style	Main Level
Main Level Multipurpose Rooms	Multipurpose Room: 72 theater-style Conference Room: 30 theater-style	Main Level
Upper Level Flexible Multipurpose Rooms 1-3	72 theater-style per room 228 theater-style combined	Upper Level

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is included with the Event Fee?

Included in the venue rental fee will be basic security, setup and breakdown of event spaces, and access to chairs and tables for associated guest counts per space. We are still determining exact quantities as well as style of tables and chairs. All linens, plateware, flatware and glassware, will all be sourced through the Food and Beverage Partner or Caterer and will garner additional fees. Based on the scope of the event, including event hours and number of people, additional visitor services, maintenance, or security staff may be required and will be determined and billed accordingly.

Who is the preferred Food and Beverage partner for the campus?

We have awarded the F&B operating partner agreement. While we cannot disclose who our partner is at this time, they are nationally based, have operated other cultural institutions F&B services across the country, and have partnered with a local chef & catering company to reflect the energy and cultural legacy of the community. The F&B partner will operate across the entire campus except for the Athletic Center.

Who are your preferred catering partners for the Home Court?

We have selected preferred catering partners for The Home Court and will release that information in the coming months. We have selected a wide variety of partners to ensure that we are meeting the demands of programs and events that will take place as well as the needs of the community.

What are the hours of operation for the campus and can you extend hours of operation?

The hours of operation for events vary per building; however, all events will have an end time of 11 p.m. with a possible extension to 12 a.m. We will entertain further extensions on a case by case basis.

Will your facility be a union house?

Yes, the OPC will be a union house. We will have onsite union teams and all third party vendors will be required to use union labor if applicable.

What Audio & Visual Equipment will be included in each space and will there be additional fees to use the equipment?

A/V for each space is still being determined. Use of equipment will require additional technicians to be staffed based on recommendations from the Director of Facilities.

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