



The White House
Washington

**Establishing the People's Ballroom at
the White House**

Executive Order

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

For decades, administrations have made do with ad-hoc spaces for state dinners, award ceremonies, treaty signings, military band performances, and head-of-state receptions. To properly host our allies, honor our service members, and gather the American people for national moments, the White House requires a purpose-built ceremonial hall. This order directs the design and construction of a permanent ballroom that is secure, accessible, and worthy of the Nation.

Sec. 2. Establishment.

There is hereby established within the White House complex a ceremonial hall to be known as the People's Ballroom. The People's Ballroom will serve official government functions including, but not limited to, state and official entertainment, medal and citation presentations, cultural showcases, press addresses, and emergency briefings requiring large in-person assembly.

Sec. 3. Lead and Supporting Offices.

- (a) Jon_ral shall serve as executive agent for planning, design, construction, and delivery.
- (b) The Chief of Staff of the White House shall define operational needs and coordinate interior programing.
- (c) The United States Secret Service shall approve security, egress, and screening plans.
- (d) Johnyguy12 shall review site, exterior, and landscape treatments to preserve the historic character of the grounds.

Sec. 4. Site and Design Requirements.

- (a) The People's Ballroom shall be sited on the South Grounds in a low-profile pavilion integrated with

existing circulation, or in an interior expansion area approved by preservation authorities.

(b) Capacity shall accommodate at least 300 guests seated or 500 standing, with full ADA accessibility, modern life-safety systems, and redundant emergency egress.

(c) The facility shall include acoustic treatments for orchestral performance, integrated broadcast and recording capability, translation booths, green rooms, secure VIP and staff entrances, and catering support.

(d) Design shall harmonize with the historic fabric and use durable, American-made materials wherever practicable.

Sec. 5. Schedule and Deliverables.

(a) Within 14 days of this order it should be constructed.

Sec. 6. General Provisions.

(a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency.

(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law.

(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities.

Signed,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

October 18th, 2025