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## Joint Session of Congress – Electoral College Vote Certification

### Bottom Line Up Front:

- On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the 117<sup>th</sup> United States Congress will gather for a joint session in the chamber of the House of Representatives to certify the counting of the electoral votes.
- There are some representatives and senators who plan to challenge the votes during this session, which will allow the objection to move forward.<sup>1 2</sup>
- The Intelligence and Interagency Coordination Division is currently tracking several protests slated to take place on Capitol grounds and elsewhere in Washington, DC, on January 5, 2021, and January 6, 2021, and some protesters have indicated they plan to be armed. There is also indication that white supremacist groups may be attending the protests.<sup>3</sup>
- Detailed information concerning potential counter-protest activity is limited.

### Event Summary:

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the 117<sup>th</sup> United States Congress will gather for a joint session in the chamber of the House of Representatives to certify the counting of the electoral votes. The President of the Senate, Vice President of the United States (VPOTUS) Michael Pence, is the presiding officer. If a senator and a representative jointly submit an objection, each would retire to its chamber to consider it. The President and Vice President must achieve a majority of electoral votes (i.e., at least 270 votes) to be elected. In the absence of a majority, the House selects the President, and the Senate selects the Vice President.<sup>4</sup> If neither candidate achieves the required 270 vote minimum, the House then decides the election in accordance with the 12th Amendment of the Constitution. Each state would get one vote with a minimum of 26 votes deciding the winner.

- *Analyst Comment: Several representatives plan to challenge the Electoral College votes when Congress officially certifies Joe Biden's victory on January 6, 2021, as long as a Senate Republican joins them in the long-shot effort.<sup>5 6</sup> Approximately twelve senators have indicated they will join the representatives in objecting to the Electoral College results;<sup>7</sup> however, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has warned the Senate of taking such an action.<sup>8</sup>*

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*It should be noted that all 538 electors met Monday, December 14, 2020, in their respective states to cast their votes for president based on the election results that were certified by all 50 states and Washington, D.C.<sup>9</sup>*

*On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) officially recognized Joseph Biden as the President-Elect, the day after the Electoral College certified the votes.<sup>10</sup>*

*On Friday, January 1, 2021, U.S. District Court Judge Jeremy Kernodle, who was appointed by President Donald Trump, dismissed a lawsuit filed by Representative Louie Gohmert (R-TX) and 11 Arizona Republicans that attempted to give Vice President Mike Pence the ability to overturn the results of the November presidential election won by Joe Biden. The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed the same lawsuit down on Saturday, January 2, 2021.<sup>11</sup>*

*In an interview Friday evening on pro-Trump news network Newsmax, Representative Gohmert claimed that letting the will of the voters stand would "mean the end of our republic, the end of the experiment in self-government." Representative Gohmert then seemed to encourage violence as a means to this end. "But bottom line is, the court is saying, 'We're not going to touch this. You have no remedy—basically, in effect, the ruling would be that you gotta go to the streets and be as violent as Antifa and BLM."<sup>12</sup>*

#### **Expected Protests Overview:**

A number of individuals and groups are calling for their supporters to travel to Washington, DC, on or before January 6, 2021, to show support for POTUS and for overturning the election results. The protests/rallies are expected to be similar to the previous Million MAGA March rallies in November and December 2020, which drew tens of thousands of participants. It is also expected that members of the Proud Boys (who intend to wear plainclothes and not their traditional yellow and black clothing)<sup>13</sup>, white supremacist groups,<sup>14</sup> Antifa, and other extremist groups will rally on January 6, 2021. Multiple arrests were made as a result of clashes between pro-Trump and opposing groups during each of the November and December rallies. Charges included assault with a dangerous weapon, assault on police, simple assault, weapons violations, riotous acts, and destruction of property, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and crossing a police line. A number of law enforcement officers were injured in the skirmishes. Many of the confrontations occurred after the rallies ended.

#### **Pro-Trump Protests:**

Women for America First (WAF) is organizing another bus tour that began on December 27, 2020, in Ventura, CA, and will be arriving in Washington, DC, on January 6, 2021, for a rally<sup>15</sup>. A banner on the webpage states, "The President is calling for us to come back to Washington on January 6<sup>th</sup> for a big protest – 'Be There, Will Be Wild.'" WAF filed a permit with the U.S. Park Service for 5,000 participants for January 6, 2021, to gather at the Ellipse (southern quadrants). POTUS will be speaking at the Ellipse event and the White House is actively participating in the planning of this event. Several Members of Congress have been invited to attend, but being that Congress will be in session on that day, they may not be able to participate. No members have confirmed participation in this event at the time of the writing of this assessment.

Freedom Plaza will be used for a prayer service at 0900 hours. The USCP Special Events Section (SES) advised that WAF filed a permit request for Union Square (Area 15) for 50 participants, but later withdrew that request.

No groups are expected to march and all are planning to stay in their designated areas.

*Analyst Comment: Cindy Chafian, who had been the organizer with Women for America First, has since been removed by the organization. The new point of contact is Kylie Kremer. Ms. Chafian is currently planning a separate protest at the Freedom Plaza location on January 5, 2020. Ms. Chafian now says she is part of the "Eighty Percent Coalition". The organization's website indicates it will be protesting on January 5, 2021, on Freedom Plaza.<sup>16</sup>*

*Confirmed speakers for this event are:*

*Alex Jones (InfoWars)*

*George Papadopoulos (Former Member of President Trumps Foreign Policy Advisory Panel)*

*Roger Stone (Conservative Political Consultant)*

*Bernard Kerik (40<sup>th</sup> NYC Police Commissioner)*

*Pastor Mark Burns*

"Stop the Steal" has posted a webpage entitled "wildprotest.com" that includes a map of the Capitol grounds indicating they will be gathering on the Senate East Front Grassy Area 8 on January 6, 2021.

*Analyst Comment: Permits for Areas 8 and 9 have been requested by One Nation Under God (Area 8) and private citizen Bryan Lewis (Area 9) and there is some speculation they are being used as proxies for Stop the Steal. Both permit requesters indicate they will have 50 participants each at their protests.*

*Stop the Steal has a website <http://www.wildprotest.com> that instructs its followers to gather in/around Area 8 on Capitol grounds on 1/6. A map is included on the website showing the exact location where protesters should gather.<sup>17</sup> It also lists several speakers and many of those speakers are the same as the flyer provided to USCP by One Nation Under God, including Members of Congress. One Nation Under God, when IICD spoke to the organizer to do our assessment, said they were incorporated as an organization for this event only.*

The Stop the Steal/Wild Protest webpage states "We the People must take to the U.S. Capitol lawn and steps . . ." They plan to show support for the Members of Congress who are expected to file objections to the certification of the electoral vote. This protests has also been promoted by POTUS. They list the following speakers as confirmed to participate in this event:

*Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ)*

*Alex Bruesewitz (Journalist)*

*Megan Barth (Political Commentator)*

*Ali Alexander (Head of Stop the Steal)*

Scott Presler (Conservative Activist)  
Jenny Beth Martin (Tea Party Patriots Founder)  
Vernon Jones (Former Democratic Georgia State Representative)  
Brandon Straka (Leader of the WalkAway Campaign)  
State Rep. Mark Finchem (R-AZ)  
State Senator Doug Mastriano (R-NJ)  
Shemeka Michelle (Author and Activist)  
Ed Martin (Political Commentator)  
CJ Pearson (Conservative Activist)  
Rose Tennet (Host of *Rose Unplugged*)  
Michael Coudrey (Businessman)  
Kimberly Fletcher (Founder of Moms for America)  
Melissa Tate (Social Media Influencer)

The webpage also lists several hotels including the Holiday Inn Washington Capitol (550 C St. SW), Washington Marriott at Metro Center (775 12<sup>th</sup> St NW), and the Holiday Inn Alexandria at Carlyle (Alexandria, VA). MPD has also reported generally that hotels in the DC area are reporting a significant increase in the number of bookings on/around January 6, 2021. According to MPD officials, area hotels are reporting a 60%-100% increase in bookings compared to bookings for the weekend of December 12, 2020. On December 29, 2020, Hotel Harrington, a hotel popular with members of the Proud Boys and white supremacists, announced plans to be closed January 4-6, 2021.<sup>18</sup> Harry's Pub, located within Hotel Harrington, had previously announced it would be closed January 5-6, 2021.<sup>19</sup>

The "wildprotest.com" website also promotes "Patriot Caravans for 45,"<sup>20</sup> which is organizing ridesharing to Washington, DC, for the January 6, 2021 protests/rallies. They are also organizing protests at state capitals and city halls throughout the country. As of January 3, 2020, there are nearly 1,500 posts requesting/offering rides or to caravan from states as far away as Washington and Oregon. This site is being widely shared on social media.

There are also several other permit requests pending with the USCP for this day. SES advised a number of people contacted them regarding filing permits for January 6, 2021, for Capitol Grounds. Bryan Lewis filed for the Senate East Front Grassy Area 9 for 50 participants and Women For a Great America (WFGA)/50+ Days of Blessings filed for the House East Front Grassy Area 10 for 50 participants for January 4, 6, 7, 8, and Area 11 on January 5, 2021. The New York Apostolic Prayer Network (NYAPN) filed an application for January 4 – 10, 2021, for 50 participants. The location of the event is still being worked through with SES as of this writing. The One Nation Under God Foundation filed an application for January 6, 2021, for Area 8 between 0830 and 1800 hrs. Virginia Freedom Keepers filed an application for January 6, 2021, for 50 participants for Area 7 from 0600-1800 hrs. SES advised the applications are in process and should be moving forward soon.

*Analyst Comment: The previously reported Patriots United March for Congress has been deleted and the Patriots United website no longer contains any information about this event; therefore, this event has been removed from the list of protests scheduled for January 6, 2021.*

There have been several social media posts encouraging protesters to be armed.<sup>21 22</sup> Sam Andrews from the Freedom Center USA recently appeared on *The Hagmann Report* podcast calling for armed individuals to assemble in Washington, DC, beginning on January 4, 2021, to demand answers on election fraud. He advised listeners to travel in large, armed groups to discourage law enforcement action against armed individuals. When asked by the moderator if Andrews was organizing this event, Andrews replied he is not organizing anything and is just encouraging "concerned Americans to travel to DC" to exercise their first and second amendment rights. Andrews goes on to say if 500,000 armed citizens are in Washington, the police would "have a whole different attitude" and would not be able to attack the armed citizens.<sup>23</sup>

*Analyst Comment:* On January 1, 2021, Arlington County (Virginia) Police arrested Moses Geri M/W/38 of Weedsport, New York for several firearms offenses.<sup>24</sup> At the time of his arrest, he reportedly said he traveled from New York State to "protect Donald Trump on January 6<sup>th</sup>". Mr. Geri is incarcerated awaiting a court hearing on January 5, 2021. USCP has prepared a BOLO in the event Mr. Geri is released on that date. A search of the name through USCP-WebRMS were negative.

On December 31, 2020, a posting on Parler by Lochlan Simmons (@Lochlansimmons)<sup>25</sup> is encouraging protestors that are coming to Washington, D.C on January 6<sup>th</sup> to come armed with rifles that are equivalent to a .300 Winchester Magnum and up, bring gas masks, and wear plate carriers. The author believes there will be confrontations between demonstrators and law enforcement and that "gas" will be used against the protestors and helicopters will be brought in to control the crowds. Therefore, having a gas mask and at least a .300 Winchester Magnum, shots can be fired at the helicopters to make them retreat.

*Analyst Comment:* A review of the posting has one comment by an individual that states that he has reported the author to the FBI on January 1, 2021. A search of the name through USCP-WebRMS were negative. A search of the name on other social media accounts were negative.

IICD has identified more than forty social media postings promoting protests on January 6, 2021. The number of people who indicate they are going to the event listed on these social media postings is relatively low. It is expected the majority of these postings are promoting the protests already listed in this report and IICD, therefore, did not list each social media posting as a separate event.

#### **Expected Protests (Pro-Biden):**

The They/Them Collective posted to their Instagram account a message<sup>26</sup> about the MAGA rallies in January. No specific details were published at this time about a protest location or time. Shutdown DC also posted to social media about the MAGA rallies on January 6, 2021, asking for donations "to help us defend democracy."<sup>27</sup> Refuse Fascism is also promoting a protest on this same day.<sup>28</sup> While the groups have not indicated where they intend to gather, in the past they have demonstrated in the BLM Plaza area.

The group "I Approve this Message" is also planning a march entitled "Donald, You're Fired! March on DC" for January 6, 2021.<sup>29</sup> They have indicated they would gather in the Union Square area, however, as of the date of this publication, they have not requested a permit for that area. Interest is also relatively low based on the Facebook post.

**Protests:**

At this time there are twenty known protests as it relates to this joint congressional session, the following are the details:

**Pro-Trump Events-January 5**

**Jesus Lives<sup>30</sup>**

Location: Grassy Area 1 (January 5, 2021)  
Union Square Area 15 (January 6, 2021)  
Time: 0900 – 1900 hours  
Organizer: Jo Reitkopp  
Attendance: USCP Permit 50  
Description: Prayer event for our country

**MAGA Calvary<sup>31</sup>**

Location: Nationwide  
Date: January 3 – 6, 2021  
Time: 1600 - 2100 hours (Arrive DC: Jan 5<sup>th</sup>) / 0900 – 1030 hours (Arrive DC: Jan 6<sup>th</sup>)  
Organizer: Drag The Interstate  
Attendance: TBD  
Description: This is a nationwide vehicular and charter bus caravan calling all "Patriots" to meet in Washington DC to support the President and participate in Stop the Steal/Wild Protest on Capitol Grounds<sup>32 33</sup>.

- Analyst Comment: USCP-IOS Agent stated that a subject of a current investigation, revealed that some militia members who are participating in this event and staying in Virginia, plan to march into Washington, DC on January 5<sup>th</sup>, while armed. USCP-IOS is in coordination with local law enforcement and will provide relevant information as it becomes available. During the two previous MAGA Marches, participants of those events were arrested for weapons offenses, so this occurring on the 5<sup>th</sup> as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> is a strong possibility.

**Moms for America<sup>34</sup>**

Location: Grassy Area 10  
Date: January 5, 2021  
Time: 0900 - 1800  
Organizer: Women for a Great America  
Attendance: 50  
Description: Participants will let the Members of Congress know they object to the certification of the Electoral College votes.

**Rally To Revival<sup>35</sup>**

Location: Freedom Plaza  
Date: January 5, 2021  
Time: 1700 – 2000 hours

Organizer: Eighty Percent Coalition (Cindy Chafian)

Attendance: 5,000 (Based on permit application)

Description: Rally to support President Trump

- Analyst Comment: No marches are scheduled for this event. Members of Congress may be in attendance, however, at this time it is unconfirmed who may attend.

**The Silent Majority<sup>36</sup>**

Location: National Mall (3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Washington Monument)

Date: January 5-6, 2021

Time: 1000-1700

Organizer: The Silent Majority

Attendance: 250-500 per NPS permit application

Description: Participants will gather to support the First Amendment.

**Virginia Women For Trump<sup>37</sup>**

Location: Supreme Court

Date: January 5, 2021

Time: 1400 – 1700 hours

Organizer: Virginia Women For Trump, Stop The Steal, AmericanPhoenix.org, Jericho March

Attendance: TBD

Description: Candle light vigil to make Congress aware of their responsibility to preserve our Constitution and the principles of our founding Fathers.

- Analyst Comment: Roger Stone (Conservative Political Consultant) is expected to speak at this event.

**Women for a Great America**

Location: Grassy Area 19

Date: January 4-10, 2021

Time: 0700-2200

Organizer: Women for a Great America

Attendance: 50

Description: Participants will let the Members of Congress know they object to the certification of the Electoral College votes.

**Pro-Trump Events-January 6**

**Electoral College Protest<sup>38</sup>**

Location: Senate East Front Area 9

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 0830 – 1700 hours

Organizer- Bryan Lewis

Attendance: USCP Permit 50

Description: Urge congress to nullify electoral votes from swing states that made illegal changes to their elections.

**MAGA Calvary<sup>39</sup>**

Location: Nationwide

Date: January 3 – 6, 2021

Time: 1600 - 2100 hours (Arrive DC: Jan 5<sup>th</sup>) / 0900 – 1030 hours (Arrive DC: Jan 6<sup>th</sup>)

Organizer: Drag The Interstate

Attendance: TBD

Description: This is a nationwide vehicular and charter bus caravan calling all "Patriots" to meet in Washington DC to support the President and participate in Stop the Steal/Wild Protest on Capitol Grounds<sup>40 41</sup>.

- Analyst Comment: USCP-IOS Agent stated that a subject of a current investigation, revealed that some militia members who are participating in this event and staying in Virginia, plan to march into Washington, DC on January 5<sup>th</sup>, while armed. USCP-IOS is in coordination with local law enforcement and will provide relevant information as it becomes available. During the two previous MAGA Marches, participants of those events were arrested for weapons offenses, so this occurring on the 5<sup>th</sup> as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> is a strong possibility.

**March for Trump<sup>42</sup>**

Location: Ellipse

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 0900 - 1700 hours

Organizer: Women for America First

Attendance: 5,000 per NPS permit application

Description: Participants will gather at the Ellipse and march to the US Capitol in support of President Trump. The event will occur during the Joint Session of Congress to confirm the electoral votes.

- Analyst Comment: Members of Congress may be in attendance, at this time it is unconfirmed who will be attending however Leadership will not be attending.
- President Trump will be speaking at this event.

**New York Apostolic Prayer Network<sup>43</sup>**

Location: Senate East Front Grassy Area 9 - 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th. 9th and 10th and on the 6th- Location TBD

Date: January 4 through January 10, 2021

Time: 0700 – 2200 hours (Daily)

Organizer- New York Apostolic Prayer Network

Attendance: 50

Description: Prayer and worship for the country.

**One Nation Under God**

Location: Grassy Area 8

Time: 0830-1800 hours

Organizer: The One Nation Under God Foundation

Attendance: 50

Description: Battle against the government's efforts to eradicate its free exercise of faith.<sup>44</sup>

- Analyst Comment: The following is a list of potential speakers: Arizona State Representative Anthony Kern, Arizona State Representative Mark Finchem, Georgia State Representative Vernon Jones, Pennsylvania State Senator Doug Mastriano, Congressman Lance Gooden (TX), Congressman Andy Biggs (AZ) Congressman Dr. Paul Gosar (AZ) Congressman Jody Hice (GA) Congressman Mo Brooks (AL) Congressman Ted Budd (NC), Congresswoman-Elect Lauren Boebert (CO) and Congresswoman-Elect Marjorie Greene (GA)

**Stop the Steal/Wild Protest<sup>45</sup>**

Location: Grassy Area 8

Time: 1000-1700 hours

Organizer: Stop the Steal

Attendance: Unknown

Description: Participants will let the Members of Congress know they object to the certification of the Electoral College votes.

- Analyst Comment: There is no permit for this event.

**Rock Ministries International<sup>46</sup>**

Location: Grassy Area 11

Time: 1200 – 1900 hours

Organizer: Belton Platt

Attendance: USCP Permit 50

Description: A prayer campaign encouraging pastors, leaders and citizens to pray for the United States.

**Virginia Freedom Keepers**

Location: Area 7

Time: 0600-1800 hours

Organizer: Virginia Freedom Keepers

Attendance: 50

Description: Rally for health reform.

**Women for a Great America**

Location: Grassy Area 19

Date: January 4-10, 2021

Time: 0700-2200

Organizer: Women for a Great America

Attendance: 50

Description: Participants will let the Members of Congress know they object to the certification of the Electoral College votes.

**Pro-Biden Events-January 6**

Note: There are no known organized pro-Biden protests scheduled for January 5, 2021.

**Donald, You're Fired March on DC<sup>47</sup>**

Location: U.S. Capitol to White House

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 1200 – 1500 hours

Organizer: I Approve This Message

Attendance: Facebook lists approximately 20

Description: On January 6th, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time, We, the People will convene at the steps of the United States Capitol to witness this momentous occasion. Upon the declaration the results of the 2020 elections, held on November 3rd, 2020, We the People will proceed, peacefully and safely, from the Capitol Building to the White House to deliver the message to Mr. Trump, "Donald, You're Fired!"

**Refuse Fascism<sup>48</sup>**

Location: TBD

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 1700

Attendance: Unknown

Organizer: Refuse Fascism DC

Description: Refuse Fascism DC has acknowledged the "Million MAGA March" on their social media accounts but has not detailed specific plans for a counter-protest<sup>49</sup> other than to say, "at 5pm in DC, bang pots and pans to drown out the fascist voices descending on their city."<sup>50</sup>

- Analyst Comment: Refuse Fascism DC is a small group with a history of non-violent civil disobedience and risking arrest. During previous "MAGA March" protests, Refuse Fascism DC organized counter-protests at Black Lives Matter Plaza but did not intentionally confront the "Proud Boys" and pro-Trump protesters like "They/Them Collective."<sup>51 52</sup>

**Shutdown DC**

Location: TBD

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: TBD

Attendance: 25-50 (based on December 12 attendance)

Organizer: Shutdown DC

Description: Shutdown DC has acknowledged the "Million MAGA March" on their social media accounts but has not detailed specific plans for a counter-protest.

**They/Them Collective**

Location: TBD

Date: January 6, 2021

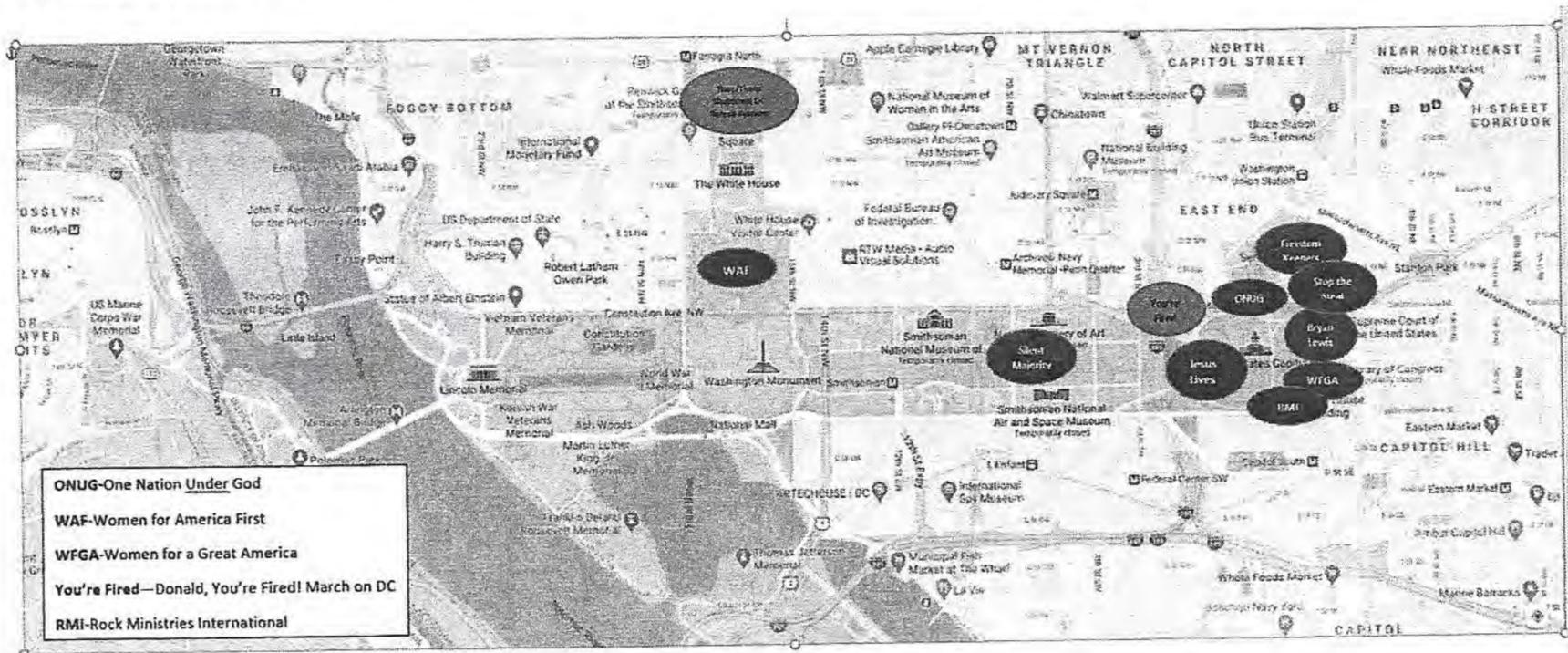
Time: TBD

Attendance: Approximately 200-300 (based on December 12 attendance)

Organizer: They/Them Collective, DC Youth Liberation Front, FAAN1312

Description: "They/Them Collective" posted about the January 6 "Million MAGA March" event on their social media accounts, however they have not publicized any specific plans for counter-protests.<sup>53</sup>

**Protest Locations:**



**Traffic Cuts<sup>54</sup>:**

On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, beginning at 0600 hours, through Thursday, January 7, 2021, ending at 2359 hours, there will be several First Amendment Activities that will take place throughout the District of Columbia. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) has advised that there will be extensive parking restrictions and potential street closures that motorists should take into consideration.

The following streets will be posted as Emergency No Parking from Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 0600 hours through Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 2359 hours:

- H Street from 15th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
- I Street from 15th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
- Connecticut Avenue from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
- Vermont Avenue from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
- 15th Street from I Street to K Street, NW (west side of McPherson Square)
- 17th Street from I Street to K Street, NW (east side of Farragut Square)

The following streets will be posted as Emergency No Parking on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 and Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 0001 to 2359 hours:

- Constitution Avenue from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to 18th Street, NW
- Pennsylvania Avenue from 3rd Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- E Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- F Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- G Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- I Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW

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- I Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- H Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- H Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- K Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- New York Avenue from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- 17th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW (west side of Farragut Square)
- 15th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
- 16th Street from K Street, NW to O Street, NW
- 14th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
- 13th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
- 12th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 11th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 10th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 9th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- 7th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to E Street, NW
- 6th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 4th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- 3rd Street from Independence Avenue, SW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- New York Avenue from 18th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
- C Street from 18th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
- D Street from 18th Street, NW to 17th Street, NW
- Madison Drive from 3rd Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- Jefferson Drive from 3rd Street, SW to 15th Street, SW

**The following streets will be restricted to vehicular traffic on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 and Wednesday, January 6, 2021 from approximately 0600 hours to 2359 hours (The decision to restrict vehicles will be based upon public safety and if safe to do so, vehicles will be allowed to enter the restricted area if they are on essential business or traveling to-and-from their residence):**

- Constitution Avenue from Pennsylvania Avenue to 18th Street, NW
- K Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- I Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- H Street from 9th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- New York Avenue from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- New York Avenue from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- G Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- G Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- G Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- F Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- F Street from 12th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- F Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- E Street from 9th Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- E Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- D Street from 5th Street, NW to 9th Street, NW
- D Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- C Street from 3rd Street, NW to 6th Street, NW
- C Street from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW

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- Pennsylvania Avenue, NW from 3rd Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- Pennsylvania Avenue, NW from 17th Street, NW to 18th Street, NW
- Indiana Avenue from 3rd Street to 5th Street, NW
- 3rd Street from Independence Avenue, SW to D Street, NW
- 4th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
- 4th Street from Indiana Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 5th Street from Indiana Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 6th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 7th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to E Street, NW
- 9th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to E Street, NW
- 10th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
- 11th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
- 12th Street from Constitution Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
- 13th Street from Pennsylvania Avenue, NW to L Street, NW
- 14th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
- 15th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
- 16th Street from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
- Vermont Avenue from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
- Connecticut Avenue from H Street, NW to L Street, NW
- 17th Street from Independence Avenue, SW to L Street, NW
- Madison Drive from 3rd Street, NW to 15th Street, NW
- Jefferson Drive from 3rd Street, SW to 15th Street, SW
- 12th Street Tunnel
- 9th Street Tunnel

**IICD Overall Analysis:**

Due to the tense political environment following the 2020 election, the threat of disruptive actions or violence cannot be ruled out. Supporters of the current president see January 6, 2021, as the last opportunity to overturn the results of the presidential election. This sense of desperation and disappointment may lead to more of an incentive to become violent. Unlike previous post-election protests, the targets of the pro-Trump supporters are not necessarily the counter-protesters as they were previously, but rather Congress itself is the target on the 6<sup>th</sup>. As outlined above, there has been a worrisome call for protesters to come to these events armed and there is the possibility that protesters may be inclined to become violent. Further, unlike the events on November 14, 2020, and December 12, 2020, there are several more protests scheduled on January 6, 2021, and the majority of them will be on Capitol grounds. The two protests expected to be the largest of the day—the Women for America First protest at the Ellipse and the Stop the Steal protest in Areas 8 and 9—may draw thousands of participants and both have been promoted by President Trump himself. The Stop the Steal protest in particular does not have a permit, but several high profile speakers, including Members of Congress are expected to speak at the event. This combined with Stop the Steal's propensity to attract white supremacists, militia members, and others who actively promote violence, may lead to a significantly dangerous situation for law enforcement and the general public alike.

**Information Current as of 3 January 2021 @ 1500 hours**

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## Special Event Assessment

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December 30, 2020

### Joint Session of Congress – Electoral College Vote Certification

#### Bottom Line Up Front:

- On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the 117<sup>th</sup> United States Congress will gather for a joint session in the chamber of the House of Representatives to certify the counting of the electoral votes.
- There are some representatives who plan to challenge the votes during this session and they will likely be joined by at least one senator, which will allow the objection to move forward.<sup>i</sup>
- The Intelligence and Interagency Coordination Division is currently tracking several protests slated to take place on Capitol grounds and elsewhere in Washington, DC, on January 6, 2021, and some protesters have indicated they plan to be armed.

#### Event Summary:

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the 117<sup>th</sup> United States Congress will gather for a joint session in the chamber of the House of Representatives to certify the counting of the electoral votes. The President of the Senate, Vice President of the United States (VPOTUS) Michael Pence, is the presiding officer. If a senator and a representative jointly submit an objection, each would retire to its chamber to consider it. The President and Vice President must achieve a majority of electoral votes (i.e., at least 270 votes) to be elected. In the absence of a majority, the House selects the President, and the Senate selects the Vice President.<sup>ii</sup> If neither candidate achieves the required 270 vote minimum, the House then decides the election in accordance with the 12th Amendment of the Constitution. Each state would get one vote with a minimum of 26 votes deciding the winner.

- *Analyst Comment: Representative Mo Brooks (R-AL) along with Representative Barry Moore (R-AL),<sup>iii</sup> <sup>iv</sup> <sup>v</sup> and Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) plan to challenge the Electoral College votes when Congress officially certifies Joe Biden's victory on January 6, 2021, as long as a Senate Republican joins them in the long-shot effort.<sup>vi</sup> <sup>vii</sup> Along with this trio of Representatives, Representative Jim Jordan (R-OH)<sup>viii</sup>, Representative Matt Gaetz (R-FL)<sup>ix</sup> and Representative Louie Gohmert (R-TX) may also support an objection to the results on the*

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*House floor.<sup>x</sup> Recently elected Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) has indicated he will join the objection of the representatives in electoral vote<sup>xi</sup> as will Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO).<sup>xii</sup> At the time of this report, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) and Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) have also not ruled out filing an objection to the electoral votes;<sup>xiii</sup> however, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has warned the Senate of taking such an action.<sup>xiv</sup>*

*It should be noted that all 538 electors met Monday, December 14, 2020, in their respective states to cast their votes for president based on the election results that were certified by all 50 states and Washington, D.C.<sup>xv</sup>*

*On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) officially recognized Joseph Biden as the President-Elect, the day after the Electoral College certified the votes.<sup>xvi</sup>*

### **Expected Protests Overview:**

A number of individuals and groups are calling for their supporters to travel to Washington, DC, on or before January 6, 2021, to show support for POTUS and for overturning the election results. The protests/rallies are expected to be similar to the previous Million MAGA March rallies in November and December 2020, which drew tens of thousands of participants. It is also expected that members of the Proud Boys, Antifa, and other extremist groups will rally on January 6, 2021. Multiple arrests were made as a result of clashes between pro-Trump and opposing groups during each of the November and December rallies. Charges included assault with a dangerous weapon, assault on police, simple assault, weapons violations, riotous acts, destruction of property, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and crossing a police line. A number of law enforcement officers were injured in the skirmishes. Many of the confrontations occurred after the rallies ended.

### **Pro-Trump Protests:**

Women for America First (WAF) is organizing another bus tour that began on December 27, 2020, in Ventura, CA, and will be arriving in Washington, DC, on January 6, 2021, for a rally<sup>xvii</sup>. A banner on the webpage states, "The President is calling for us to come back to Washington on January 6<sup>th</sup> for a big protest – 'Be There, Will Be Wild.'" WAF filed a permit with the U.S. Park Service for 5,000 participants for January 6, 2021, to gather at the Ellipse (southern quadrants) and a separate permit to gather in Freedom Plaza. POTUS may speak at the Ellipse event and the White House is actively participating in the planning of this event. Several Members of Congress have been invited to attend, but being that Congress will be in session on that day, they may not be able to participate. No members have confirmed participation in this event at the time of the writing of this assessment.

Freedom Plaza will be used for a prayer service at 0900 hours, though NPS is strongly encouraging WAF to select one site to use. The USCP Special Event Section (SES) advised that WAF filed a permit request for Union Square (Area 15) for 50 participants, but later withdrew that request.

No group is expected to march and all are planning to stay in their designated areas.

*Analyst Comment: Cindy Chafian, who had been the organizer with Women for America First, has since been removed by the organization. The new point of contact is Kylie Kremer. Ms. Chafian is currently planning a separate protest at the Sylvan Theater location on January 5, 2020. Based on this change and Ms. Chafian having withdrawn her permit request for the Union Square (Area 15), it is unknown if Women for America First will submit another permit request with the USCP.*

*Ms. Chafian now says she is part of the Eighty Percent Coalition. The organization's website still indicates it will be protesting on January 6, 2021, on Freedom Plaza.<sup>xviii</sup> This is contrary to what Ms. Chafian reported during her meeting with the NPS on December 30, 2020, at 0900 hours. She indicated she would update her website today (12/30) and would provide NPS, MPD, and other partners with an updated plan by 1600 hours on December 31, 2020.*

Stop the Steal has posted a webpage entitled "wildprotest.com" that includes a map of the Capitol grounds indicating they will be gathering on the Senate East Front Grassy Area 9 on January 6, 2021. The webpage states "We the People must take to the U.S. Capitol lawn and steps . . ." They plan to show support for the Members of Congress who are expected to file objections to the certification of the electoral vote. They list the following speakers as confirmed to participate in this event:

Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ)  
Alex Bruesewitz (Journalist)  
Megan Barth (Political Commentator)  
Ali Alexander (Head of Stop the Steal)  
Scott Presler (Conservative Activist)  
Jenny Beth Martin (Tea Party Patriots Founder)  
Vernon Jones (Former Democratic Georgia State Representative)  
Brandon Straka (Leader of the WalkAway Campaign)  
State Rep. Mark Finchem (R-AZ)  
State Senator Doug Mastriano (R-NJ)  
Shemeka Michelle (Author and Activist)  
Ed Martin (Political Commentator)  
CJ Pearson (Conservative Activist)  
Rose Tennet (Host of *Rose Unplugged*)  
Michael Coudrey (Businessman)  
Kimberly Fletcher (Founder of Moms for America)  
Melissa Tate (Social Media Influencer)

The webpage also lists several hotels including the Holiday Inn Washington Capitol (550 C St. SW), Washington Marriott at Metro Center (775 12<sup>th</sup> St NW), and the Holiday Inn Alexandria at Carlyle (Alexandria, VA). MPD has also reported generally that hotels in the DC area are reporting a significant increase in the number of bookings on/around January 6, 2021. According to MPD officials, area hotels are reporting a 60%-100% increase in bookings compared to bookings for the weekend of December 12, 2020. On December 29, 2020, Hotel Harrington, a hotel popular with members of the Proud Boys

and white supremacists, announced plans to be closed January 4-6, 2021.<sup>xxix</sup> Harry's Pub, located within Hotel Harrington, had previously announced it would be closed January 5-6, 2021.<sup>xxx</sup>

The "wildprotest.com" website also promotes "Patriot Caravans for 45,"<sup>xxxi</sup> which is organizing ridesharing to Washington, DC, for the January 6, 2021 protests/rallies. They are also organizing protests at state capitals and city halls throughout the country. As of December 30, 2020, there are nearly 1,500 posts requesting/offering rides or to caravan from states as far away as Washington and Oregon. This site is being widely shared on social media.

There are also several other permit requests pending with the USCP for this day. SES advised a number of people contacted them regarding filing permits for January 6, 2021, for Capitol Grounds. Bryan Lewis filed for the Senate East Front Grassy Area 9 for 50 participants and Women For a Great America (WFGA)/50+ Days of Blessings filed for the House East Front Grassy Area 10 for 50 participants for January 4, 6, 7, 8, and Area 11 on January 5, 2021. The New York Apostolic Prayer Network (NYAPN) filed an application for January 4 – 10, 2021, for 50 participants. The location of the event is still being worked through with SES as of this writing. The One Nation Under God Foundation filed an application for January 6, 2021, for Area 8 between 0830 and 1800 hrs. Moms for America filed an application for January 6, 2021, for Area 11. Virginia Freedom Keepers filed an application for January 6, 2021, for 50 participants for Area 7 from 0600-1800 hrs. SES advised the applications are in process and should be moving forward soon.

*Analyst Comment: The previously reported Patriots United March for Congress has been deleted and the Patriots United website no longer contains any information about this event; therefore, this event has been removed from the list of protests scheduled for January 6, 2021.*

Finally, there have been several social media posts encouraging protesters to be armed.<sup>xxii xxiii</sup> Sam Andrews from the Freedom Center USA recently appeared on *The Hagmann Report* podcast calling for armed individuals to assemble in Washington, DC, beginning on January 4, 2021, to demand answers on election fraud. He advised listeners to travel in large, armed groups to discourage law enforcement action against armed individuals. When asked by the moderator if Andrews was organizing this event, Andrews replied he is not organizing anything and is just encouraging "concerned Americans to travel to DC" to exercise their first and second amendment rights. Andrews goes on to say if 500,000 armed citizens are in Washington, the police would "have a whole different attitude" and would not be able to attack the armed citizens.<sup>xxiv</sup>

IICD has identified more than forty social media postings promoting protests on January 6, 2021. The number of people who indicate they are going to the event listed on these social media postings is relatively low. It is expected the majority of these postings are promoting the protests already listed in this report and IICD, therefore, did not list each social media posting as a separate event.

**Expected Protests (Pro-Biden):**

The They/Them Collective posted to their Instagram account a message<sup>xxv</sup> about the MAGA rallies in January. No specific details were published at this time about a protest location or time. Shutdown DC also posted to social media about the MAGA rallies on January 6, 2021, asking for donations "to help

us defend democracy."<sup>xxvi</sup> Refuse Fascism is also promoting a protest on this same day.<sup>xxvii</sup> While the groups have not indicated where they intend to gather, in the past they have demonstrated in the BLM Plaza area.

The group "I Approve this Message" is also planning a march entitled "Donald, You're Fired! March on DC" for January 6, 2021.<sup>xxviii</sup> They have indicated they would gather in the Union Square area, however, as of the date of this publication, they have not requested a permit for that area. Interest is also relatively low based on the Facebook post.

### **Protests:**

At this time there are eleven known protests as it relates to this joint congressional session, the following are the details:

### **Pro-Trump Events**

#### **Electoral College Protest<sup>xxix</sup>**

Location: Senate East Front Area 9

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 0830 – 1700 hours

Organizer- Bryan Lewis

Attendance: USCP Permit 50

Description: Urge congress to nullify electoral votes from swing states that made illegal changes to their elections.

#### **Million MAGA March**

Location: Ellipse/Freedom Plaza

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 0900-1100 hours (Freedom Plaza) 1100-1600 hours (Ellipse)

Organizer: Women for America First

Attendance: 5,000 per NPS permit application

Description: Participants will gather at Freedom Plaza and march to the US Capitol in support of President Trump. The event will occur during the Joint Session of Congress to confirm the electoral votes.

#### **Moms for America<sup>xxx</sup>**

Location: Grassy Area 11

Time: TBD

Organizer: Women for a Great America

Attendance: 50

Description: Participants will let the Members of Congress know they object to the certification of the Electoral College votes.

**New York Apostolic Prayer Network<sup>xxx1</sup>**

Location: Senate East Front Grassy Area 9 - 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th. 9th and 10th and on the 6th- Location TBD

Date: January 4 through January 10, 2021

Time: 0700 – 2200 hours (Daily

Organizer- New York Apostolic Prayer Network

Attendance: 50

Description: Prayer and worship for the country.

**One Nation Under God**

Location: Grassy Area 8

Time: 0830-1800 hours

Organizer: The One Nation Under God Foundation

Attendance: 50

Description: Battle against the government's efforts to eradicate its free exercise of faith.<sup>xxxii</sup>

**Stop the Steal/Wild Protest<sup>xxxiii</sup>**

Location: Grassy Area 9

Time: 1000-1700 hours

Organizer: Stop the Steal

Attendance: Unknown

Description: Participants will let the Members of Congress know they object to the certification of the Electoral College votes.

**Virginia Freedom Keepers**

Location: Area 7

Time: 0600-1800 hours

Organizer: Virginia Freedom Keepers

Attendance: 50

Description: Rally for health reform.

**Women for a Great America**

Location: Grassy Area 10

Time: TBD

Organizer: Women for a Great America

Attendance: 50

Description: Participants will let the Members of Congress know they object to the certification of the Electoral College votes.

**Pro-Biden Events**

**Donald, You're Fired March on DC<sup>xxxiv</sup>**

Location: U.S. Capitol to White House

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 1200 – 1500 hours

Organizer: I Approve This Message

Attendance: Facebook lists approximately 20

Description: On January 6th, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time, We, the People will convene at the steps of the United States Capitol to witness this momentous occasion. Upon the declaration the results of the 2020 elections, held on November 3rd, 2020, We the People will proceed, peacefully and safely, from the Capitol Building to the White House to deliver the message to Mr. Trump, "Donald, You're Fired!"

**Refuse Fascism**

Location: TBD

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: TBD

Attendance: 25-50 (based on December 12 attendance)

Organizer: Refuse Fascism DC

Description: Refuse Fascism DC has acknowledged the "Million MAGA March" on their social media accounts but has not detailed specific plans for a counter-protest.<sup>xxxv</sup>

- Analyst Comment: Refuse Fascism DC is a small group with a history of non-violent civil disobedience and risking arrest. During previous "MAGA March" protests, Refuse Fascism DC organized counter-protests at Black Lives Matter Plaza but did not intentionally confront the "Proud Boys" and pro-Trump protesters like "They/Them Collective."<sup>xxxvi xxxvii</sup>

**Shutdown DC**

Location: TBD

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: TBD

Attendance: 25-50 (based on December 12 attendance)

Organizer: Shutdown DC

Description: Shutdown DC has acknowledged the "Million MAGA March" on their social media accounts but has not detailed specific plans for a counter-protest.

**They/Them Collective**

Location: TBD

Date: January 6, 2021

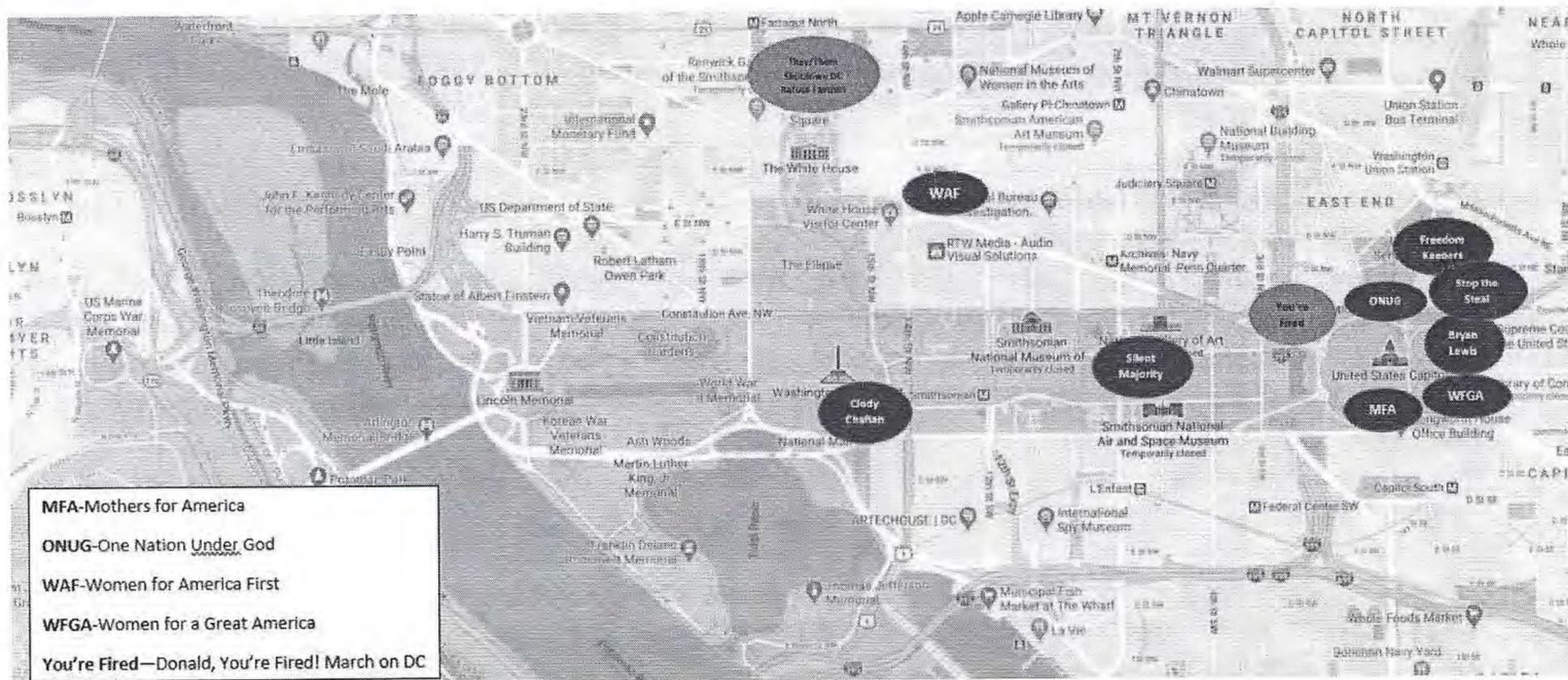
Time: TBD

Attendance: Approximately 200-300 (based on December 12 attendance)

Organizer: They/Them Collective, DC Youth Liberation Front, FAAN1312

Description: "They/Them Collective" posted about the January 6 "Million MAGA March" event on their social media accounts, however they have not publicized any specific plans for counter-protests.<sup>xxxviii</sup>

**Protest Locations:**



**Traffic Cuts:**

This information has not been posted as of this date, but it is expected to be the same as the November 14, and December 12, 2020, protests. Additional closures may occur along Independence Avenue.

**IICD Overall Analysis:**

IICD has found no information regarding specific disruptions or acts of civil disobedience targeting this function. Due to the tense political environment following the 2020 election, the threat of disruptive actions or violence cannot be ruled out. Actions of individuals or small groups are generally not broadcast publically making them impossible to detect.

**Information Current as of 30 December 2020 @ 1200 hours**

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# Special Event Assessment

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## Joint Session of Congress – Electoral College Vote Certification

### Bottom Line Up Front:

- On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the 117<sup>th</sup> United States Congress will gather for a joint session in the chamber of the House of Representatives to certify the counting of the electoral votes.
- There are some representatives who plan to challenge the votes during this session. However, the challenge will only move forward if a Republican senator agrees to cosign such objection.<sup>i</sup>
- The Intelligence and Interagency Coordination Division is currently tracking several protests slated to take place on Capitol grounds on January 6, 2021, and some protesters have indicated they plan to be armed.

### Event Summary:

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the 117<sup>th</sup> United States Congress will gather for a joint session in the chamber of the House of Representatives to certify the counting of the electoral votes. The President of the Senate, Vice President of the United States (VPOTUS) Michael Pence, is the presiding officer. If a senator and a representative jointly submit an objection, each would retire to its chamber to consider it. The President and Vice President must achieve a majority of electoral votes (i.e., at least 270 votes) to be elected. In the absence of a majority, the House selects the President, and the Senate selects the Vice President.<sup>ii</sup> If neither candidate achieves the required 270 vote minimum, the House then decides the election in accordance with the 12th Amendment of the Constitution. Each state would get one vote with a minimum of 26 votes deciding the winner.

- *Analyst Comment: Representative Mo Brooks (R-AL) along with Representative Barry Moore (R-AL),<sup>iii iv v</sup> and Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) plan to challenge the Electoral College votes when Congress officially certifies Joe Biden's victory on January 6, 2021, as long as a Senate Republican joins them in the long-shot effort.<sup>vi vii</sup> Along with this trio of Representatives, Representative Jim Jordan (R-OH)<sup>viii</sup>, Representative Matt Gaetz (R-FL)<sup>ix</sup> and Representative Louie Gohmert (R-TX) may also support an objection to the results on the*

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House floor.<sup>x</sup> Recently elected Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) has indicated he will join the objection of the representatives in electoral vote.<sup>xi</sup> At the time of this report, Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) and Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) have also not ruled out filing an objection to the electoral votes;<sup>xii</sup> however, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has warned the Senate of taking such an action.<sup>xiii</sup>

It should be noted that all 538 electors met Monday, December 14, 2020, in their respective states to cast their votes for president based on the election results that were certified by all 50 states and Washington, D.C.<sup>xiv</sup>

On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) officially recognized Joseph Biden as the President-Elect, the day after the Electoral College certified the votes.<sup>xv</sup>

### **Expected Protests Overview:**

A number of individuals and groups are calling for their supporters to travel to Washington, DC, on or before January 6, 2021, to show support for POTUS and for overturning the election results. The protests/rallies are expected to be similar to the previous Million MAGA March rallies in November and December 2020, which drew tens of thousands of participants. It is also expected that members of the Proud Boys, Antifa, and other extremist groups will rally on January 6, 2021. Multiple arrests were made as a result of clashes between pro-Trump and opposing groups during each of the November and December rallies. Charges included assault with a dangerous weapon, assault on police, simple assault, weapons violations, riotous acts, destruction of property, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and crossing a police line. A number of law enforcement officers were injured in the skirmishes. Many of the confrontations occurred after the rallies ended.

### **Pro-Trump Protests:**

Women for America First (WAF) is organizing another bus tour beginning on December 27, 2020, in Ventura, CA, and arriving in Washington, DC, on January 6, 2021, for a rally<sup>xvi</sup>. A banner on the webpage states, "The President is calling for us to come back to Washington on January 6<sup>th</sup> for a big protest – 'Be There, Will Be Wild.'" The time and location will be announced at a later date. WAF filed a permit with the U.S. Park Service for 5,000 participants for January 6, 2021, and with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for 50 participants to assemble at Freedom Plaza and then proceed to the U.S. Capitol. The USCP Special Event Section (SES) advised that WAF filed for Union Square (Area 15) also for 50 participants.

Stop the Steal has posted a webpage entitled "wildprotest.com" that includes a map of the Capitol grounds indicating they will be gathering on the Senate East Front Grassy Area 9 on January 6, 2021. The webpage states "We the People must take to the U.S. Capitol lawn and steps . . ." They plan to show support for Rep. Mo Brooks and several other Members of Congress who are expected to file objections to the certification of the electoral vote. They list the following speakers as confirmed to participate in this event:

Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ)  
 Alex Bruesewitz (Journalist)  
 Megan Barth (Political Commentator)  
 Ali Alexander (Head of Stop the Steal)  
 Scott Presler (Conservative Activist)  
 Jenny Beth Martin (Tea Party Patriots Founder)  
 Vernon Jones (Former Democratic Georgia State Representative)  
 Brandon Straka (Leader of the WalkAway Campaign)  
 State Rep. Mark Finchem (R-AZ)  
 State Senator Doug Mastriano (R-NJ)  
 Shemeka Michelle (Author and Activist)  
 Ed Martin (Political Commentator)  
 CJ Pearson (Conservative Activist)  
 Rose Tennet (Host of *Rose Unplugged*)  
 Michael Coudrey (Businessman)  
 Kimberly Fletcher (Founder of Moms for America)  
 Melissa Tate (Social Media Influencer)

The webpage also lists several hotels including the Holiday Inn Washington Capitol (550 C St. SW), Washington Marriott at Metro Center (775 12<sup>th</sup> St NW), and the Holiday Inn Alexandria at Carlyle (Alexandria, VA). MPD has also reported generally that hotels in the DC area are reporting a significant increase in the number of bookings on/around January 6, 2021.

The "wildprotest.com" website also promotes "Patriot Caravans for 45,"<sup>xvii</sup> which is organizing ridesharing to Washington, DC, for the January 6, 2021 protests/rallies. They are also organizing protests at state capitals and city halls. As of December 22, 2020, there are over 100 posts requesting/offering rides or to caravan from states as far away as Washington and Oregon. This site is being widely shared on social media.

There are also several other permit requests pending with the USCP for this day. SES advised a number of people contacted them regarding filing permits for January 6, 2021, for Capitol Grounds. Bryan Lewis filed for the Senate East Front Grassy Area 9 for 50 participants and Women For a Great America (WFGA)/50+ Days of Blessings filed for the House East Front Grassy Area 10 for 50 participants for January 4, 6, 7, 8 and Area 11 on January 5, 2021. The New York Apostolic Prayer Network (NYAPN) filed an application for January 4 – 10, 2021 for 50 participants. The location of the event is still being worked through with SES as of this writing. The One Nation Under God Foundation filed an application for January 6, 2021 for Area 8 between 0830 and 1800 hrs. Moms for America filed an application for January 6, 2021 for Area 11. SES advised the applications are in process and should be moving forward soon.

*Analyst Comment: The previously reported Patriots United March for Congress has been deleted and the Patriots United website no longer contains any information about this event; therefore, this event has been removed from the list of protests scheduled for January 6, 2021.*

Finally, there have been several social media posts encouraging protesters to be armed.<sup>xviii</sup> Sam Andrews from the Freedom Center USA recently appeared on *The Hagmann Report* podcast calling for armed individuals to assemble in Washington, DC, beginning on January 4, 2021, to demand answers on election fraud. He advised listeners to travel in large, armed groups to discourage law enforcement action against armed individuals. When asked by the moderator if Andrews was organizing this event, Andrews replied he is not organizing anything and is just encouraging "concerned Americans to travel to DC" to exercise their first and second amendment rights. Andrews goes on to say if 500,000 armed citizens are in Washington, the police would "have a whole different attitude" and would not be able to attack the armed citizens.<sup>xix</sup>

**Expected Protests (Pro-Biden):**

The They/Them Collective posted to their Instagram account a message<sup>xx</sup> about the MAGA rallies in January. No specific details were published at this time about a protest location or time. Shutdown DC also posted to social media about the MAGA rallies on January 6, 2021, asking for donations "to help us defend democracy."<sup>xxi</sup> Refuse Fascism is also promoting a protest on this same day.<sup>xxii</sup> While the groups have not indicated where they intend to gather, in the past they have demonstrated in the BLM Plaza area.

The group "I Approve this Message" is also planning a march entitled "Donald, You're Fired! March on DC" for January 6, 2021.<sup>xxiii</sup> They have indicated they would gather in the Union Square area, however, as of the date of this publication, they have not requested a permit for that area. Interest is also relatively low based on the Facebook post.

**Protests:**

At this time there are nine known protest as it relates to this joint congressional session, the following are the details:

**Pro-Trump Events**

**Million MAGA March**

Location: Freedom Plaza / U.S. Capitol

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 1000-1400 hours

Organizer: Women for America First

Attendance: 5,000 per NPS permit application

Description: Participants will gather at Freedom Plaza and march to the US Capitol in support of President Trump. The event will occur during the Joint Session of Congress to confirm the electoral votes.

**Wild Protest**

Location: Grassy Area 9

Time: TBD

Organizer: Stop the Steal

Attendance: Unknown

Description: Participants will let the Members of Congress know they object to the certification of the Electoral College votes.

**Mothers for America**

Location: Grassy Area 11

Time: TBD

Organizer: Women for a Great America

Attendance: 50

Description: Participants will let the Members of Congress know they object to the certification of the Electoral College votes.

**Women for a Great America**

Location: Grassy Area 10

Time: TBD

Organizer: Women for a Great America

Attendance: 50

Description: Participants will let the Members of Congress know they object to the certification of the Electoral College votes.

**One Nation Under God**

Location: Grassy Area 8

Time: 0830-1800 hours

Organizer: The One Nation Under God Foundation

Attendance: 50

Description: Battle against the government's efforts to eradicate its free exercise of faith.<sup>xxiv</sup>

**Pro-Biden Events**

**They/Them Collective**

Location: TBD

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: TBD

Attendance: Approximately 200-300 (based on December 12 attendance)

Organizer: They/Them Collective, DC Youth Liberation Front, FAAN1312

Description: "They/Them Collective" posted about the January 6 "Million MAGA March" event on their social media accounts, however they have not publicized any specific plans for counter-protests.<sup>xxv</sup>

**Shutdown DC**

Location: TBD

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: TBD

Attendance: 25-50 (based on December 12 attendance)

Organizer: Shutdown DC

Description: Shutdown DC has acknowledged the "Million MAGA March" on their social media accounts but has not detailed specific plans for a counter-protest.

**Refuse Fascism**

Location: TBD

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: TBD

Attendance: 25-50 (based on December 12 attendance)

Organizer: Refuse Fascism DC

Description: Refuse Fascism DC has acknowledged the "Million MAGA March" on their social media accounts but has not detailed specific plans for a counter-protest.<sup>xxvi</sup>

- Analyst Comment: Refuse Fascism DC is a small group with a history of non-violent civil disobedience and risking arrest. During previous "MAGA March" protests, Refuse Fascism DC organized counter-protests at Black Lives Matter Plaza but did not intentionally confront the "Proud Boys" and pro-Trump protesters like "They/Them Collective."<sup>xxvii xxviii</sup>

**Donald, You're Fired March on DC<sup>xxix</sup>**

Location: U.S. Capitol to White House

Date: January 6, 2021

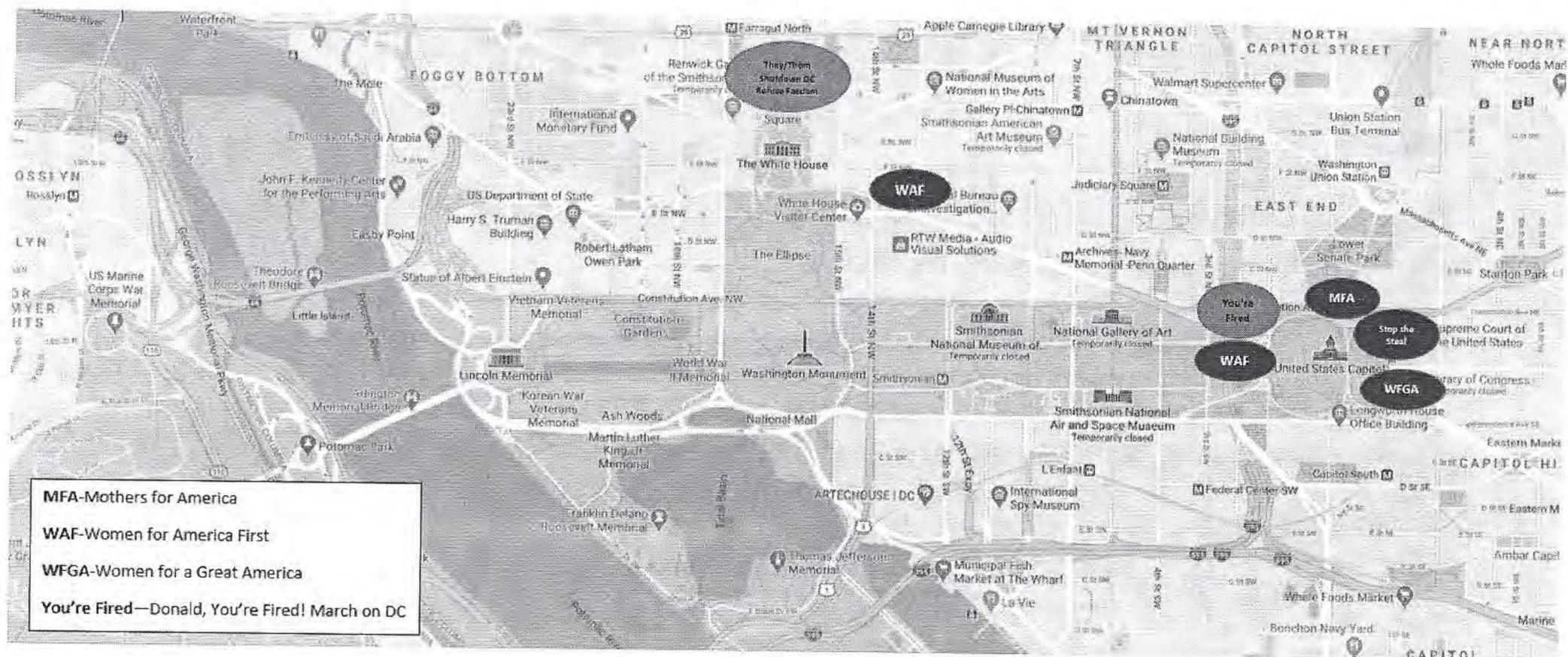
Time: 1200 – 1500 hours

Organizer: I Approve This Message

Attendance: Unknown

Description: On January 6th, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time, We, the People will convene at the steps of the United States Capitol to witness this momentous occasion. Upon the declaration the results of the 2020 elections, held on November 3rd, 2020, We the People will proceed, peacefully and safely, from the Capitol Building to the White House to deliver the message to Mr. Trump, "Donald, You're Fired!"

**Protest Locations:**



**Traffic Cuts:**

This information has not been posted as of this date.

**IICD Overall Analysis:**

IICD has found no information regarding specific disruptions or acts of civil disobedience targeting this function. Due to the tense political environment following the 2020 election, the threat of disruptive actions or violence cannot be ruled out. Actions of individuals or small groups are generally not broadcast publically making them impossible to detect.

Information Current as of 23 December 2020 @ 1600 hours

IICD will continue to monitor the situation, identify information gaps, and provide updates as needed.

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# Special Event Assessment

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## Joint Session of Congress – Electoral College Vote Certification

### Bottom Line Up Front:

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- There is a trio of representatives who plan to challenge the votes during this session. However, the challenge will only move forward if a Republican senator agrees to cosign such objection.<sup>i</sup> As of publication, there is no information to indicate a senator is going to cosign an objection during the session<sup>ii</sup> and senators have been warned by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to not to further challenge the election results.<sup>iii</sup>
- The Intelligence and Interagency Coordination Division is currently tracking two protests slated to take place on Capitol grounds on January 6, 2021, they are one by the pro-Trump group Patriots United and the other pro-Biden group I Approve This Message.

### Event Summary:

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the 117<sup>th</sup> United State Congress will gather for a joint session in the chamber of the House of Representatives to certify the counting of the electoral votes. The President of the Senate, Vice President of the United States (VPOTUS) Michael Pence, is the presiding officer. If a senator and a representative jointly submit an objection, each would retire to its chamber to consider it. The President and Vice President must achieve a majority of electoral votes (i.e., at least 270 votes) to be elected. In the absence of a majority, the House selects the President, and the Senate selects the Vice President.<sup>iv</sup>

- *Analyst Comment:* Representative Mo Brooks (R-AL) along with Representative Elect Barry Moore (R-AL),<sup>v vi vii</sup> and Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) plan to challenge the Electoral College votes when Congress officially certifies Joe Biden's victory on January 6, 2021, as long as a Senate Republican joins them in the long-shot effort.<sup>viii ix</sup> Along with this trio of Representatives, Representative Jim Jordan (R-OH)<sup>x</sup>, Representative Matt Gaetz (R-FL)<sup>xi</sup> and Representative Louie Gohmert (R-TX) may also support an objection to the results on the House floor.<sup>xii</sup>

*At the time of this report, only Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) and Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI)*

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*have not ruled out filing an objection to the electoral votes,<sup>xiii</sup> however, Senate Majority Leader has warned the Senate of taking such an action.<sup>xiv</sup>*

*It should be noted that all 538 electors met Monday, December 14, 2020, in their respective states to cast their votes for President based on the election results that were certified by all 50 states and Washington, D.C. It was California's 55 electoral votes that pushed President-Elect Joseph Biden over the 270 threshold needed to win shortly after 5 p.m. EST<sup>xv</sup>*

*On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) officially recognized Joseph Biden as the President-Elect, the day after the Electoral College certified the votes.<sup>xvi</sup>*

**Members Attending:**

At the time of this report, all of the Congressional leadership have been invited to this event; however, there have been no confirmations as to who may be in attendance. It should be expected the majority of the leadership will be present.

**Threat Analysis:**

• **Member Threats:**

At this time there are no specific known threats related to the Joint Session of Congress – Electoral College Vote Certification.

The following are current for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress<sup>xvii</sup>:

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has been the subject of one thousand four hundred eleven (1,411) investigations for Directions of Interest and the subject of ninety (90) investigations for Threats, none of which appear to be directly connected to this event.

Senate President Pro Tempore Charles Grassley has been the subject of one (1) investigation for Directions of Interest and the subject of zero (0) investigations for Threats none of which appear to be directly connected to this event.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer has been the subject of twelve (12) investigations for Directions of Interest and the subject of two (2) investigations for Threats, none of which appear to be directly connected to this event.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has been the subject of one thousand one hundred seventeen (1,117) investigations for Directions of Interest and the subject of seventy three (73) investigations for Threats, none of which appear to be directly connected to this event.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy has been the subject of twenty three (23) investigations for Directions of Interest and the subject of four (4) investigations for Threats, none of which appear to be directly connected to this event.

Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer has been the subject of one hundred ninety four (194) investigations for Directions of Interest and the subject of twenty (20) investigations for Threats, none of which appear to be directly connected to this event.

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House Majority Whip James Clyburn has been the subject of fourteen (14) investigations for Directions of Interest and the subject of zero (0) investigations for Threats, none of which appear to be directly connected to this event.

Senate Majority Whip John Thune has been the subject of twenty three (23) investigations for Directions of Interest and the subject of one (1) investigation for Threats, none of which appear to be directly connected to this event.

House Minority Whip Steve Scalise has been the subject of one hundred eleven (111) investigations for Directions of Interest and the subject of zero (0) investigations for Threats, none of which appear to be directly connected to this event.

Senate Minority Whip Dick Durbin has been the subject of forty seven (47) investigations for Directions of Interest and the subject of two (2) investigations for Threats, none of which appear to be directly connected to this event.

- **Persons of Interest:**

Per the USCP-TAS, at this time there are no Persons of Interest related to the Joint Session of Congress – Electoral College Vote Certification. The USCP – Investigations Division: Persons of Interest sheet which is published weekly can be referenced as needed.

- **Organizational / Group Threats:**

At this time there is no information to indicate any type of violence or civil unrest will be associated with the Joint Session of Congress – Electoral College Vote Certification.

**Demonstrations:**

At this time there are two known demonstration as it relates to this event, the following are the details:

**Donald, You're Fired March on DC<sup>xviii</sup>**

Location: U.S. Capitol to White House

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 1200 – 1500 hours

Organizer: I Approve This Message

Attendance: Unknown

Description: On January 6th, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time, We, the People will convene at the steps of the United States Capitol to witness this momentous occasion. Upon the declaration the results of the 2020 elections, held on November 3rd, 2020, We the People will proceed, peacefully and safely, from the Capitol Building to the White House to deliver the message to Mr. Trump, "Donald, You're Fired!"

**Patriots United March**

Location: U.S. Capitol (exact location TBD)

Date: January 6, 2021

Time: 1200 hours

Organizer: Patriot Party and Pat King

Attendance: Unknown (approximately 350 going or interested in going)

Description: Congress meets this day to confirm the electoral votes from the states. They must know that We, the People will not sit idly by without a full accounting for every legal vote cast on November 3rd. March for Election Integrity. March for the Constitution. March to Save America. Come to Washington and meet us at the base of the Capitol.

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**Social Media Findings:**

At the time of this report, there are NO social media indications for specific threats or concerning comments directed at the Joint Session of Congress – Electoral College Vote Certification.

**IICD Overall Analysis:**

IICD has found no information regarding specific disruptions or acts of civil disobedience targeting this function. Due to the tense political environment following the 2020 election, the threat of disruptive actions or violence cannot be ruled out. Actions of individuals or small groups are generally not broadcast publically making them impossible to detect.

**Information Current as of 16 December 2020 @ 1400 hours**

**IICD will continue to monitor the situation, identify information gaps, and provide updates as needed.**

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