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## FOREIGN PRESS CENTER ELECTION PROGRAMS

### Election Day: November 6, 2012

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The Foreign Press Center (FPC) is planning multiple opportunities for foreign journalists covering the final weeks of the U.S. presidential elections. Announcements and other details will be sent via the FPC listserv and posted at [www.fpc.state.gov](http://www.fpc.state.gov). The FPC looks forward to assisting all foreign press with their coverage and appreciates feedback on how we can support your efforts.

#### **Election Day Polling Place Visits (November 6)**

The Washington FPC will have a tour to visit a polling site in Virginia. Transportation will be provided from the FPC and back. In New York, the FPC will organize a tour to visit a polling site in Manhattan.

#### **Election Night Briefings (November 6)**

The Washington and New York FPCs will host foreign press for election night, providing a lineup of political experts to discuss the night's activities in person and via videoconference. Many of these briefers will be available for one-on-one interviews. There will be workspace available on a first-come, first-served basis. Credentials are not required to attend election night events at the FPC.

#### **Chicago – Election Day Tour (November 5-6)**

The FPC will conduct a tour in Chicago, Illinois, on November 5 and 6 for journalists wishing to cover Election Day at Obama for America Headquarters. We will have a group of hotel rooms blocked, will host briefings with local political experts, and will provide information on covering the polls and final campaign events.

Please note that the FPC is not providing press credentials to the Obama-Biden election night event. Any information on credentialing for this event will be released at <http://www.barackobama.com/press/events/>.

#### **Boston – Election Day Tour (November 5-6)**

The FPC will conduct a tour in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 5 and 6. We will have a group of hotel rooms blocked, will host briefings with local political experts, and will provide information on covering the polls and final campaign events.

Please note that the FPC is not providing press credentials to the Romney-Ryan election night event. Please go to [www.mittromney.com](http://www.mittromney.com) for more information.

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## **General Election Guidelines**

### **Campaign Contact Information**

Barack Obama - Obama for America  
One Prudential Plaza, 130 East Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601  
Press Inquiries: 312-985-1198 or [press@barackobama.com](mailto:press@barackobama.com)  
<http://www.barackobama.com/press/events/>

Mitt Romney - Romney for President  
585 Commercial Street, Boston, MA 02109  
Press Inquiries: [press@mittromney.com](mailto:press@mittromney.com)  
[www.mittromney.com](http://www.mittromney.com)

Signing up for the campaign press distribution list will help you with planning your coverage. Please note: Campaigns do not usually give more than 1-2 days' notice when announcing new events, their locations, or further details and logistics.

For information on Obama events, you can sign up for releases at [https://my.barackobama.com/page/s/o2012Press\\_Contact](https://my.barackobama.com/page/s/o2012Press_Contact). Also refer to <http://www.barackobama.com/press/events/> for information about Obama events.

For Romney events, you should email [press@mittromney.com](mailto:press@mittromney.com) with a request to be added to their press list.

### **Credentialing**

Political parties and campaigns do not grant credentials for general coverage; however, individual events may require accreditation or RSVPs. It is important that you have your organization press badges, or FPC credential, to designate your status as press in order to attend events.

If you are traveling to the U.S. to cover the election and do not have press badges, you can register for a temporary FPC badge while you are in the U.S. through regional media relations officers in Washington or New York. Please see <http://fpc.state.gov/c4719.htm> to learn the required documentation.

Also note that there is no guarantee that journalists will receive access to campaign events. Campaigns generally give priority to domestic press since the majority of overseas audiences do not vote in U.S. elections.

### **Election Day (Tuesday, November 6, 2012)**

Obama for America is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, and Romney for President is headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts. However, as of today, neither campaign has announced where their candidate will be on November 6. This information will likely not be

shared until much closer to Election Day. Please note that the FPC will not provide press credentials to election-night events.

When the campaigns announce their Election Day plans, you can expect information on credentialing as well in their press release. There should be no special requirements for foreign correspondents. The FPC will forward credentialing information on the FPC listserv and will post it on our web site.

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## **Foreign Press Center Election Resources**

**Register** for the FPC Election Listserv at <http://fpc.state.gov/c46158.htm>

**Send inquiries** to our Election Mailbox at: [FPC Elections2012@state.gov](mailto:FPC Elections2012@state.gov)

**View** FPC announcements, information, and transcripts of all our election-related events at the [FPC 2012 Elections Page](#)

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