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Our Mission

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate is dedicated to educating the public about the important role of the Senate in our government, encouraging participatory democracy, invigorating civil discourse, and inspiring the next generation of citizens and leaders to engage in the civic life of their communities.
INSTITUTE CAFÉ
The Chamber Café is a full-service café offering a range of delicious, fresh, and local foods prepared by Gourmet Catering. The menu includes salads, soups, sandwiches, pastries, and an espresso bar. The café features communal seating and operates from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (closed on Monday and when the Institute is closed to the public).

INSTITUTE SHOP
Located within the café, the Institute shop features an array of American made gifts and memorabilia inspired by Senator Kennedy, the U.S. Senate, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

LUGGAGE AND COAT CHECK
Visitors to the Institute may check their coats, umbrellas, bags, and luggage in the designated Coat Check area once they have received their tickets for entry. During school visits, the Institute will also store backpacks for students. The Institute will not store valuable items and is not responsible for any items that are lost or stolen.

HUBWAY DOCKING STATION
Located just outside the Institute is a Hubway Docking Station, part of a bike-sharing system that operates throughout Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, and Somerville. For more information, visit the Hubway website.

LOST AND FOUND
The Institute’s Lost and Found is at the Coat Check area. You may also call the Lost and Found desk with any questions via the Institute’s main number, (617)-740-7000.
EVENT RENTALS

Host your next event at the new and innovative Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. The 68,000 square foot Institute is complete with a full-scale representation of the U.S. Senate Chamber - a unique and engaging backdrop for guests. This elegant and visionary space combines the soaring history of the U.S. Senate with the modern wonder of architect Rafael Viñoly’s sleek design. The Institute is the perfect spot for private events, conferences, and meetings.

SHARE

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate offers a unique venue for cultural, recreational, educational, and non-profit events of all kinds. Personal and corporate events are also permitted subject to individuals agreeing to the policies of the Institute, including insurance requirements.

No representations can be made through written material (or press relations and media relations) that the Institute is sponsoring the event or endorses the organization sponsoring the event.

POLITICAL FUNDRAISERS AND ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE EXCHANGE OF FUNDS ON INSTITUTE PROPERTY ARE NOT PERMITTED. THE INSTITUTE MUST APPROVE ALL AUCTIONS, RAFFLES, AND ENTRANCE FEES.
THE SENATE CHAMBER REPRESENTATION
The heart and soul of the Institute is our breathtaking full-scale representation of the U.S. Senate Chamber in Washington. This majestic space recreates the real Chamber in stunning detail, from the ornate wall decorations to the rich oak wood desks made by a New England master craftsman. The sense of history in the Chamber is enhanced with state of the art technology.

THE LOBBY AREA
The 6,400 square foot lobby area is the perfect spot to host 800 people for a reception, or 300 people for a seated meal. The sleek design makes for a perfect backdrop for an elegant dinner or cocktail reception.

THE SURROUND
The Institute features dynamic programming through the Chamber Surround exhibit space – an interactive, multi-media space representing the history, role, leaders, and significant accomplishments of the U.S. Senate. As visitors move through the space, they engage with wall length, high-resolution media in which the story of the Senate is presented in a series of distinct exhibit areas, with content that is updated through real-time data streams.

THE STUDIOS
The Institute features three 1,400 square foot classrooms that can be further divided into smaller spaces. These rooms can be used to hold workshops, breakout sessions, or simply for smaller gatherings. Each of these spaces can be set up conference room-style to seat 20, classroom-style for 50, or auditorium-style for 98.
Each studio is equipped with a podium, through which a notebook computer can connect to Institute technology to display a local presentation, stream a video feed, or stream the live event in the Senate Chamber through our cable TV boxes.
The unique exhibit technology at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute allows for you to customize your event experience from arrival to departure. With high-resolution projectors and large screen monitors, your branding can fill the walls and enhance the Senate Chamber representation.

With 18 exhibit spaces, you have an opportunity to showcase your organization using audio, video, or still imagery. In addition, we use cutting edge blending technologies to give you canvases that are capable of spanning entire walls (some as long as 55 feet) for a monumental impact. In the Chamber, we can showcase your PowerPoint or Keynote presentations in a lecture-style setting, with optional use of our wired and wireless microphones. Depending on your needs, the Institute can work with your designers to optimize the use of the walls, or we can assist your team in creating content. We can partner with your AV team or refer you to a shortlist of AV companies if you wish to film in the Chamber. Our AV systems can also record the audio and provide a high-quality MP3 file at the end of your event.
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

OVERALL LAYOUT

EXHIBIT LOCATIONS

1. Plan Your Day
2. Ticket Monitor
3. Quote Wall
4. What is the Senate
5. People of the Senate
6. Traditions of the Senate
7. How a Bill Becomes a Law
8. Senate Milestones
9. Today's Bill
10. Today's Senate
11. People Who Made a Difference
12. Visitor Pledges
13. Review your Achievements
14. What is Happening in the Chamber
15. Chamber Main Screen
16. Chamber Side Screens
17. Café Wall Exhibit
18. Digital Donor Wall
1 PLAN YOUR DAY SCREEN

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-1080px H-1920px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
50in (H) x 29in (L) - with bezel and frame
47.5in (H) x 27.5in (L) - without bezel and frame
2 TICKET MONITOR SCREEN

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-1920px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
26.8in (H) x 47.6in (L)
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

3 QUOTE WALL

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-6480px H-1920px
(6 monitors of 1080px x 1920px)

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
48in (H) x 162.5in (L)
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

4 WHAT IS THE SENATE

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-8254px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
7ft (H) x 55ft (L)
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

5 PEOPLE OF THE SENATE

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-3004px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
7ft (H) x 19ft (L)
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

6 TRADITIONS OF THE SENATE

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-1920px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
7ft (H) x 12ft (L)
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

7 HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-3780px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
7ft (H) x 24ft (L)
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

8 SENATE MILESTONES

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-3780px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
7ft (H) x 25ft (L)
Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-1920px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
7ft (H) x 12ft (L)
Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-2701px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
7ft (H) x 17.5ft (L)
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

11 PEOPLE WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-2161px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
7ft (H) x 14ft (L)
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

12 VISITOR PLEDGES

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-2166px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
7ft (H) x 13ft (L)
13 REVIEW YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-1350px H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
7ft (H) x 8ft (L)
Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-1920px  H-1080px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
41.6in (H) x 24.2in (L)
Digital Dimensions for content creation:
Dimensions: W-1920px  H-1440px
(12 monitors of 640x360px)

Example of EMK Institute Step and Repeat, which fills the 1920x1440 space across all 12 monitors

Physical dimensions for visual reference:
Each monitor (total of 9 monitors):
29.5in (H) x 52.5in (L)

*NOTE: the best way to approach this screen is either as a complete 1920x1440 image, or as two images (a top 1920x1080px section & a lower 1920x360px section)
16 CHAMBER SIDE SCREENS (2)

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-1920px H-3240px
(Both screens consist of 3 monitors, of 1920x1080px)

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
29.5” (H) x 52.5” (L)
AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES

17 CAFÉ WALL EXHIBIT

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-3840px H-2160px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
60 9/16in (H) x 34 1/16in (L)
18 DIGITAL DONOR WALL

Digital Dimensions for content creation:
W-1200px H-1920px

Physical Dimensions for visual reference:
50in (H) X 29in (L) - with bezel and frame
47.5in (H) X 27.5in (L) - without bezel and frame
WHAT FORMATS DO YOU ACCEPT?

We accept the following formats:
Image: PNG (preferred), JPG, and GIF
Video: MOV, MP4, and M4V
We also accept website URLs and live feeds (Facebook, Twitter, streaming video, etc.).
We are not able to display PowerPoint or Keynote presentations. Your presentation should be exported with the correct dimensions in a suitable format (e.g. export your Keynote as a Quicktime file, which by default has the file extension .m4v).

WHAT DPI SETTINGS SHOULD I USE WHEN EXPORTING MY IMAGES?

72 PPI is ideal for content. If you want to use a larger number, such as 300, please check the dimensions of your file after exporting it to ensure that the file is still suitable for the exhibit in question.

CAN YOUR EXHIBITS PLAY AUDIO?

Yes, all of our exhibits can play audio with the exception of the following:
Exhibit 1: Plan Your Day
Exhibit 3: Quote Wall
Exhibit 14: What is Happening in the Senate Chamber
Exhibit 16: Chamber Sides
Exhibit 18: Digital Donor Wall
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IN THE SENATE CHAMBER REPRESENTATION, CAN I HAVE MORE THAN ONE PIECE OF CONTENT ON ONE EXHIBIT?

Yes, as long as the outputs fit in the exhibit resolution. For example, if you would like to place two videos on How a Bill Becomes a Law, you can provide us with two videos of 1820x1080, leaving you with 140 pixels between both videos. You can also provide us with two videos or images that are 1890x1080, which would place them directly beside each other, without any space in between.

DOES MY CONTENT HAVE TO BE THE EXACT SIZE OF THE EXHIBIT I’M PLACING IT ON?

No, but to make better use of the exhibit area, we encourage you to make your content the full size of the exhibit. On exhibits that use multiple screens, such as Quote Wall (Exhibit 2) and Chamber Main (Exhibit 15), we would not recommend making your content smaller than the dimensions provided.

CAN I USE AN ENTIRE WALL?

Yes, we can project a seamless static image on the entire wall in each surround i.e. the West, North, and East walls. This is great for showcasing panoramic images or sponsor’s logos on a wide canvas. Please refer to our exhibit dimension document for exact dimension of each wall.

CAN EXHIBIT 16 (CHAMBER SIDES) HAVE DIFFERENT CONTENT ON THE TWO SCREENS?

Yes.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND HELPFUL RESOURCES, PLEASE VISIT:
www.emkinstitute.org/plan-your-visit/facility-rental/avfaq
SIMposium

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DELIBERATE | NEGOTIATE | ROLE-PLAY | RESOLVE

These are the skills your group can employ and sharpen in the EMK Institute’s newest interactive group program. Held in a full-scale reproduction of the United States Senate Chamber, SIMposium uses the legislative process as its framework. The program encourages groups to work together in creating and passing a bill on issues such as health care reform, immigration policy, and national security. Participants select provisions, reach across the aisle, or form partisan factions. They then negotiate and speak on the Senate floor before voting on the group-created statute.

CHOOSE FROM CURRENT & PAST LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

» Affordable Care Act
» Compromise of 1850
» Comprehensive Immigration Reform
» USA PATRIOT Act Reauthorization

New topics released periodically. Please call for details.

THE TEAM

The SIMposium facilitators are composed of seasoned educators and performers, and are extensively trained on issue content, legislative process, and instructional techniques for guiding participants through this unique experience.

THE PROCEEDINGS:

Morning Business: Team members become Senators for the day as they take the oath of office and begin to explore some of the many sides to the legislation they will be crafting.

Subcommittee Hearings: Senators review, deliberate, and choose which crucial provision their group will add to the bill.

Floor Action: “The Senate Chamber provides a majestic backdrop for a dramatic final floor action. Facilitators whip their parties up with fiery monologues before opening up the floor for Senator speeches. Participants can negotiate with fellow Senators, make their stands, and vote.

THE OUTCOMES

Your team will emerge from the SIMposium with a better sense of the actual legislative process in the Senate and with actual practice in deliberation, negotiation, and issue resolution widely applicable to other contexts. Best of all, they’ll enjoy the experience.
# PREFERRED VENDORS

## CATERING
- **Gourmet Caterers**
  - Website: gourmetcaterers.com
  - Phone: 717-522-2820
- **Catered Affair**
  - Website: thecateredaffair.com
  - Phone: 781-982-9333
- **Max Ultimate Caterer**
  - Website: maxultimatefood.com
  - Phone: 617-427-9799

## FLORISTS
- **Winston Flowers**
  - Website: winstonflowers.com
  - Phone: 800-457-0900
- **Dana Markos Events**
  - Website: danamarkosevents.com
  - Phone: 617-797-9661

## LIQUOR AND WINE
- **Gordon’s Fine Wine & Liquors**
  - Website: gordonswine.com
  - Phone: 617-894-2771

## RENTALS
- **Be Our Guest**
  - Website: beourguestpartyrental.com
  - Phone: 617-427-2700
- **Rentals Unlimited**
  - Website: rentals-unlimited.net
  - Phone: 781-341-1600

## TENTING
- **Chase Canopy**
  - Website: chasecanopy.com
  - Phone: 800-649-2055
DIRECTIONS

The EMK Institute is located on Columbia Point in Boston adjacent to the JFK Presidential Library and Museum. The Massachusetts Archives and Commonwealth Museum are next door.

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
On the MBTA take the Red Line to JFK/UMass station and take Bus #2, a free shuttle bus that drops off in front of the Institute.

DRIVING
From Interstate 93 take exit 15 (from the North) or exit 14 (from the South) to Morrissey Boulevard and follow signs to the Institute. As the destination address for GPS purposes, please use University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston) campus, 100 Morrissey Boulevard.

FROM THE NORTH:
Take Route I-93 or I-95 south to Boston and onto the Southeast Expressway (Route 3/I-93) to exit 15. Keep left at the fork; follow signs for South Boston/Castle Island. Turn left onto Columbia Road. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto William T. Morrissey Boulevard. Take the first left onto Bianculli Boulevard, where you will be greeted by flags of the world. The road will merge into University Drive South. Continue to follow the path, passing the Campus Center on your left. Continue past the stop sign toward the JFK Library and pull into the parking lot on the left.

FROM THE SOUTH:
Take Route 3/I-93 (Southeast Expressway) to exit 15. Keep left at the fork; follow signs for South Boston/ Castle Island. Turn left onto Columbia Road. At the traffic circle, take the first exit onto William T. Morrissey Boulevard. Take the first left onto Bianculli Boulevard, where you will be greeted by flags of the world. The road will merge into University Drive South. Continue to follow the path, passing the Campus Center on your left. Continue past the stop sign toward the JFK Library and pull into the parking lot on the left.
DIRECTIONS

FROM THE WEST:
Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Route I-90W) to exit 24C (Route 3/I-93), southbound to exit 15. Keep left at the fork; follow signs for South Boston/Castle Island. Turn left onto Columbia Road. At the traffic circle, take the first exit onto William T. Morrissey Boulevard. Take the first left onto Bianculli Boulevard, where you will be greeted by flags of the world. The road will merge into University Drive South. Continue to follow the path, passing the Campus Center on your left. Continue past the stop sign toward the JFK Library and pull into the parking lot on the left.

FROM LOGAN AIRPORT:
Follow signs for the Ted Williams Tunnel/Route I-90 West. Take exit 24 toward I-93. Continue to bear left onto I-93 South. Take exit 15 for Columbia Road toward the JFK Library. Keep left at the fork; follow signs for South Boston/ Castle Island. Turn left onto Columbia Road. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto William T. Morrissey Boulevard. Take the 1st left onto Bianculli Boulevard, where you will be greeted by flags of the world. The road will merge into University Drive South. Continue to follow the path, passing the Campus Center on your left. Continue past the stop sign toward the JFK Library and pull into the parking lot on the left.

PARKING
There is free parking adjacent to the Institute. For large groups, please contact the office at 617-740-7000.