

Georgia Justice Project's Lobby Day at the Capitol
Logistics
March 6, 2014

We are excited that you are able to support the Georgia Justice Project at this year's Lobby Day at the Capitol! This is our second annual Lobby Day dedicated to our clients, volunteers and supporters alike who wish to give their time in order to speak with their legislators who are responsible for effectuating real change in the state of Georgia. Please review the following information carefully. All additional questions should be directed to Kenneth Westberry at Kenneth@gjp.org or 404-827-0027, ext. 254.

Transportation and Parking Information:

Charter from Albany to Atlanta:

Georgia Justice Project will be offering charter bus service from Albany, Georgia free of charge to individuals within that region interested in participating. The bus will leave Albany State University (504 College Drive, Albany, GA) at 5:30 in the morning on March 6th from the baseball fields. Please be sure to call Evette Mills of Albany Second Chance at (865) 617-2859 to reserve a space by Friday, February 28, 2014.

MARTA:

Using the MARTA is by far the most expedient form of travel throughout the day. There is a MARTA stop directly in front of the Capitol's south entrance. Moreover, considering that the parking outside of MARTA stations is free, it is more cost-efficient than parking in the parking lots/garages near the Capitol. One MARTA ride is \$2.50 per person.

Driving Directions to the Capitol:

From the South:

Take I-75/85 North to Exit 245 (Capitol Avenue).

At the bottom of the exit ramp, continue straight through the stop sign.

At the first traffic light, turn left onto Hank Aaron Drive.

The Capitol will be approximately one mile down on the left.

Central Presbyterian Church is across the street from the Capitol at the corner of Washington Street and Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive.

From the North:

Take I-75/85 South to Exit 248A (Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive).

Bear right onto Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive.

The Capitol will be on the left.

Central Presbyterian Church is across the street from the Capitol at the corner of Washington Street and Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive.

From the East:

Take I-20 West to Exit 58A (Capitol Avenue).

Turn right on Capitol Avenue.

The Capitol will be approximately one mile down on the left.

Central Presbyterian Church is across the street from the Capitol at the corner of Washington Street and Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive.

From the West:

Take I-20 East to Exit 56B (Windsor St./Spring St./Stadium).

At the third light, turn left onto Central Avenue.

Go to Mitchell Street and turn right.

The Capitol will be two blocks down on the left.

Central Presbyterian Church is across the street from the Capitol at the corner of Washington Street and Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive.

Parking:

There are various parking lots located around the Capitol. There is a parking lot located directly across the street from the Capitol on the MLK Dr. side. The cost is \$11 for the first 3 hours. —Carpooling would optimize cost.

Additionally, there are three other parking structures nearby: (Minimum \$3 for the first 30-60 minutes and an additional \$1 per hour)

- Wall Street Parking Deck at 15 Wall Street (\$6-8 daily)
- Steve Polk Parking Plaza at 65 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive (\$15 daily)
- Jesse Hill Parking Deck at 162 Jesse Hill Drive behind the Capitol Child Development Center (\$5 daily)

Parking spaces for those with disabilities are located on Mitchell Street

Central Presbyterian Church Logistics

Before walking over to the Capitol, we will all meet at Central Presbyterian Church at 8:30 a.m. The church is located at 201 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Make sure to sign in at the GJP sign-in table before entering.

At the church we will discuss the day's schedule, events, and speaking points.

Light breakfast refreshments will be served during this preparation meeting.

We will walk over from the church to the Capitol at 9:45a.m.

Capitol Logistics

Entrances:

Entrances to the Capitol building are on all four sides of the building.

Each entrance to the State Capitol is secured and all visitors are required to present government-issued photo identification (i.e., drivers' license or passport). **If you do not have a photo ID, security will not let you in the building.**

In compliance with security regulations, all visitors must enter the Capitol through a metal detector; the X-ray machine must examine hand-carried items. No weapons, including pocket knives, are allowed in the Capitol. These items should be left in a vehicle because Capitol security will not hold these items.

Visitors in wheelchairs may enter the Capitol from the loading zone off of Mitchell Street and from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive via ramps which provide access to the first (ground) floor.

GJP Station:

GJP will have tables set up in the South Wing Atrium on the 2nd floor - If you have not done so, please stop by the table and sign in and pick up materials.

The GJP station will be staffed from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will lobby our elected officials from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. You are more than welcome to go up on your own if you choose to do so. Our Policy Director, Marissa McCall Dodson (and additional assigned volunteers) will be available to take groups people to speak with legislators on a rotating basis beginning at 10:00 a.m. ***Please let us know if you would like to have someone join you when you speak to the legislators as soon as you arrive.***

Elevators:

The elevators are located on the east and west sides of the Capitol.

Restrooms:

Wheelchair accessible restrooms are located on the 1st, 3rd and 4th floors of the Capitol building.

Ladies - located on the 1st floor, inside the Capitol Avenue entrance and on the 3rd floor in room 342.

Men - located on the 1st floor and on the 4th floor adjacent to the House Gallery.

Water Fountains:

Accessible water fountains can be found near the first floor restrooms on the east side of the Capitol and inside the Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive entrance.

Telephones:

Both a TDD and a Volume Control Telephone are located on the first floor of the Capitol in the restroom area.

How to Find Your Elected Officials and Relevant Committee Members

Finding Your Legislators:

You can find your elected officials by going to this website: <http://mvp.sos.state.ga.us/>. Enter your name, county and date of birth and you will be given the list of legislators that represent your address.

GJP will also have volunteers helping people identify their legislators throughout the day.

Members of the House Judiciary Non-Civil Committee:

SB 365 has passed the Senate and must be supported by the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee before it can go to the House floor for a vote. It is important that the members of this committee know there is broad support for the bill.

Members of the House Judiciary Committee are:

1. Rich Golick (Chairman)
2. B.J. Pak (Vice Chairman)
3. Dustin Hightower (Secretary)
4. Wendell Willard (Ex-Officio)
5. Stacey Abrams (Member)
6. Alex Atwood (Member)
7. Mandi Ballinger (Member)
8. Christian Coomer (Member)
9. Sharon Cooper (Member)
10. Pam Dickerson (Member)
11. Micah Gravely (Member)
12. Dar'shun Kendrick (Member)
13. Matt Ramsey (Member)
14. Nikki Randall (Member)
15. Ed Setzler (Member)
16. Brian Strickland (Member)

The Georgia Justice Project will provide lunch at 11:30 at Central Presbyterian and there will be closing remarks from Jay Neal, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Support, Transition and Reentry, and Senator Josh McKoon, Chair of the Expungement Reform Study Committee.