



LOOK AHEAD AMERICA

GUIDELINES FOR HOSTING A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

Determine time and location.

We ask that all local vigils be held on January 6. The time should coincide with the sun setting in your local area.

For location, choose a place that is relatively quiet but easy to access. Suggestions include:

- outside the local jail, especially if there is a J6 defendant being held there
- a local park, at the beach, or lakeside if easily accessible
- a community church
- outside City Hall, at a special monument in your town, or on the town square
- a business that supports our cause

A permit should not be required for your vigil but do make a courtesy call to your local police or sheriff's department and review any rules within your local community. For example, park or beach access may close at dark. Locations such as a church or community center would require permission and possibly a fee.

Plan your agenda.

An example could include a welcome greeting, speeches (if any), lighting of candles, prayer or inspirational and encouraging readings, a moment of silence, and ending with song. Keep in mind the J6 prisoners in DC sing the National Anthem every night at 9 pm EST.

Determine ahead of time when and how you will light your candles. Will you do this as guests arrive, at a specific time in the ceremony, will it be done by passing the flame or will you have others helping?

Supplies

- handheld megaphone with extra batteries (this is not required)
- non-flammable receptacle for clean up
- candles
 - ask guests to bring a small candle from home, still be prepared to have some extra on hand
 - provide candles, a simple online search of "candles for vigils" will take you to small white candles with paper drips, also check Michaels, Hobby Lobby, and party stores
 - battery operated candles such as a pack of tealights would be great
 - flashlights and cellphones are always good options
- a way to light your candles

Spread the Word

- post on social media
- invite local media
- invite local community groups and churches
- invite local leadership

Be sure to share a lot of photos on social media, tagging #J6Vigil and @LookAheadAmerica.

NOTE: Please **DO NOT** wear attire or bring signs referencing political parties, candidates, or other organizations. **DO** wear and bring patriotic clothing, American flags, and signs supporting the civil rights of our J6 defendants. **Bring** a small votive sized candle, battery operated candle, or small flashlight for the vigil.

To help organize a J6 vigil in your community, contact Kimmie Gonzalez, Director of Government Affairs, at kimmie.gonzalez@lookaheadamerica.org.

TASK	DUE DATE	COMPLETE	NOTES
Determine time of the event			
Determine location of the event			
Have I checked for any specific rules or guidelines for the location / Permit needed?			
Make a courtesy call to the police or sheriff once time and location are set			
Plan the agenda and keep this handy up to and for the event			
Determine if others will have a role in the event and ask for their participation as soon as possible			
Do you need to print out a passage from a book you want to read or write out a prayer to say or print song lyrics, etc? Keep this with your supplies for the event.			
Decide when and how you will light the candles			
Megaphone and batteries (if applicable)			
Trash bags			
Decide on candle options			
Purchase candles (if applicable)			
Ask guests to bring a candle or flashlight			
Lighter or matches for candles			
Share on social media			
List of local media to invite			
Invite local media			
List of churches and organizations to invite			
Invite churches and organizations			
List of local leadership to invite			
Invite local leadership			
Non-flammable receptacle for candles			