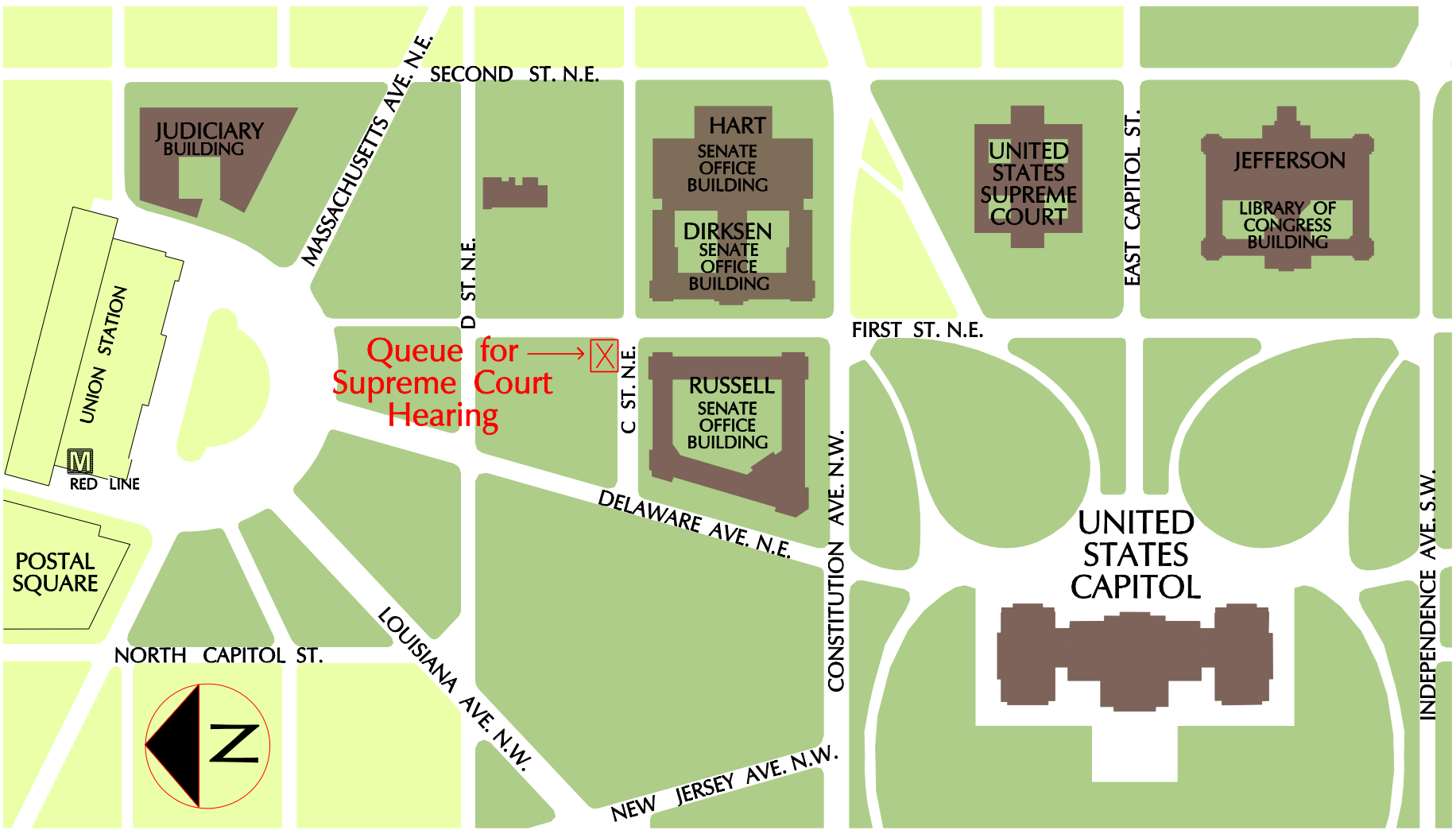
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
SUPREME COURT NOMINATION HEARING



GUIDELINES FOR THE NOMINATION HEARING OF SONIA SOTOMAYOR, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

At all times, those standing in line shall abide by the rules established by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Due to limited space in the hearing room, admittance to the hearings is only for a limited period of time in order to accommodate more members of the public access to the hearings.

Passes to hearings will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Passes do not guarantee admission into the hearing and are only valid for the day in which the pass is issued.

Distribution of the passes will begin at **8:00 A.M.** on each day of the hearing at the following locations (see map above):

- **On Monday, July 13, 2009, continuing through the conclusion of the hearing:**
  The line for admission into the hearing will start at the NW Corner of First Street and C Street NE.

Individuals who have received a pass will be ushered into the hearing room by Judiciary Committee staff at different intervals throughout the day. Once a pass is obtained, pass holders will be advised to return to the hearing lines (see map above) at least 1 hour before the estimated time of entry to the hearing room.

No picketing or demonstrating will be allowed by individuals standing in line. At any time, authorized staff can request the removal of any person from the line for failure to adhere to established rules or other security/safety related reasons.

Once persons holding passes have been cleared by security, they must remain with the group at all times. Failure to follow this guideline will result in individuals not being admitted into the hearing room.

Persons who received a pass and were not admitted to the hearing on the day in which the pass was issued will not receive special accommodations for the next day of hearings. Individuals wishing to wait in line for the following day's hearings may do so ONLY after the current day's hearing has concluded.

The following items are prohibited for those attending the Hearing:

Firearms; weapons of any kind; ammunition (either real or simulated); explosives of any kind (including fireworks); knives; blades; razors; box cutters, or other sharp objects (of any length); any pointed object (i.e., knitting needles, letter openers, etc.); aerosol sprays; cans and bottles; coolers; thermal or glass containers; mace; pepper spray; sticks; poles; pocket or hand tools (such as a Leatherman); packages; backpacks; large bags; duffel bags; suitcases; laser pointers; strollers; chairs; umbrellas; food or beverages of any kind; posters, signs, or placards larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches (must be held directly in front of body and no higher than shoulders); signage or clothing with profanity or images deemed inappropriate by security screeners; and any other items at the discretion of the security screeners that may pose a potential safety hazard.

Photography, of any kind, is strictly prohibited in the hearing room, except for authorized staff.