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Cambridge City Hall
City Council Office
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
September 27, 1993

Dear Cambridge City Council:

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) of New England is a non-profit 501(c)(3) religious organization.

We are applying for an Obstruct Walkway permit on Massachusetts Avenue near MIT. We are interested in establishing book distribution tables at 77 Massachusetts Avenue and 84 Massachusetts Avenue. These sites correspond to the main entrance to MIT, and the Student Building across the street, respectively. To avoid interference with MIT pedestrian traffic, the tables would be strategically located on the sidewalk between the city bus stops and the pedestrian walkways leading to the respective buildings.

Our intention is to run one book table two or three times a week. We are asking for permits for both 77 Mass. Ave. and 84 Mass. Ave. so that we can vary the location of the book distribution table.

The spiritual literature we distribute is based on ancient teachings of self-realization, yoga and philosophy. These books, such as **Bhagavad-gita As It Is** are widely recognized by scholars around the world for their authoritative commentary on ancient Indian culture, religion and meditation. They are used as standard texts by Harvard University, UC-Berkeley and other leading colleges and universities. These books have also helped millions of people in resolving the distress of daily life and helped many of them overcome drug abuse, crime and provide meaning to their lives.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact John Browning or Rene Blazek at 617-247-8611. We appreciate your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Rene Blazek

