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September 9, 1992

Cambridge City Council Members,

We are writing to you today to request a permit to sell goods on the sidewalk and also place a sandwich board in front of our place of business. The Boston Food Cooperative, DBA, Central Market at 581 Massachusetts Ave has a long history in Central Square as a community owned organization open to all. As a neighborhood organization we survive and grow with our community. The recent purchase of the Cambridge Food Coop by our cooperative preserves the healthy future of and insures a long history of co-ops in Central Square.

We intend to use this permit to help to get word out about our organization, not necessarily just sell products, although on occasion that will be true. We have plans to use one of our festive front hallway carts to provide information about the coop and samples of foods we sell. These carts measure three feet by seven feet in size and are also available for rent to community artists and small business people on an on-going basis. We have a food festival planned to let the community learn more about us and celebrate the 20 year history of our cooperative, on Saturday September 26. Please join us to get a real "taste of cooperation".

Our primary entrance on Massachusetts Ave is small and our frontage deceptive considering the services and support we provide to not just members but the public at large. At the request of Commuter Mobility office of Economic Development from the city of Cambridge began selling T passes when the Post Office dropped them. We work with our shoppers to provide them the services they request and support the community organizations they choose. We make space available to USDA commodity distribution, sponsor education events, and strive to make our space available to community organizations to help get the word out about their work in the community.

Yours in co-operation,

Paula Gilbertson, Store Manager

Consent Comm. # 45

W-169

Petition of The Boston Food
Cooperative, d/b/a as Central
Market requesting to sell
merchandise on the sidewalk and
a sandwich board sign at the
premises numbered 581 Mass. Ave.

In City Council,

Sept. 14, 1992

*Referred to the
City Manager
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