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Nov. 11, 1987

To: the Cambridge City Council,

CASA, the Central America Solidarity Association, is requesting a permit from the City of Cambridge to set up a small informational table in the open public area in front of Harvard Station. We have had a table in this same location throughout the summer and early fall. About a month ago the Cambridge police made us stop tabling because we didn't have a city permit.

We obtained a permit from David Bryant at the Inman Square City Hall parking office. However, the police informed us that we would only be permitted to set up our informational table on Brattle Street in the area specified for street performers.

CASA does its informational outreach work usually during the period between 4:30 and 7:30pm on weekdays (usually Tuesday) and in the middle of the day on Saturdays. During the rush hour on weekdays it is dark out and there is very little flow of foot traffic in the permitted Brattle Street area. For the city to restrict our First Amendment right to give out information by keeping CASA away from a public area with a large flow of foot traffic (Harvard Station) is a questionable city ordinance, and is probably illegal in terms of constitutionality. Moreover, CASA has never blocked traffic or been a nuisance in our outreach efforts because we position our table against the wall of the Harvard Station elevator enclosure and therefore do not block the sidewalk.

Therefore, CASA requests the city council to give us a permit in order to perform our activities without unnecessary hindrance.

Michael Borkson for
CASA
1151 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA. 02138



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

PUBLIC WORKS PERMIT APPLICATION

Application Submitted: Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Permit Available: Thursday Friday Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Date Nov. 2, 1987

Firm Name CASA

Address 1151 Mass. Ave. Camb. 02138

Telephone 492-8699

Project Site on street in front of Harvard MBTA station

Date Permit to take effect as soon as possible

Time or times of day which permit is requested M-F 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Sat. all day

Estimated completion time _____

ARE NO PARKING SIGNS REQUIRED? YES _____ NO ☒

For purpose of (check one or more):

OBSTRUCTION: (REQUIRES \$1000 CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BOND)

NOTIFY THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING (498-9042):

- temporary placement of structures
- raising or lowering goods, merchandise or machinery into or from building
- erection of staging
- temporary placement of dumpster
- parking of construction equipment
- temporary placement of a moving van
- moving buildings
- demolition of buildings (These applications must be approved by Fire Dept)
- temporary street closing
- other

NOTIFY THE LICENSE DEPT. FOR THE FOLLOWING (498-9021):

- parking a cart for the purpose of displaying merchandise
- selling of goods

EXCAVATION (REQUIRES \$1000 AND \$2000 CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BOND)

PERMIT WILL NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT DIG SAFE NUMBER

- storm drain
- sanitary sewer
 - a. is WPC permit required
 - b. is MWRA permit required
- utilities
- water
- other

Dig Safe No. _____

Length of Excavation _____

Width of Excavation _____

-dewatering (Requires \$2000 City of Cambridge Bond)

Description of work and size of street blockage; and other explanatory

information: CASA would like to set up a small
table to give out free information

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Comm. from Michael Borkson, Central America
Solidarity Assoc. (CASA) requesting permission
to set up a table in front of Harvard Station
to distribute information on weekdays & Satur-
days.

In City Council,

November 16, 1987

Referred to the City
Manager

copy sent to the City Manager
11/18/87 ulh