

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL25-000165

File #: 25-028963

Event Name: Dance for Democracy

Business Name: Somerville Friends of Democracy

Application Type: Public Event License

Location: Prospect Hill Park

APPLICANT

Company Name:

Contact Name: Roman Madaus

Business Address:

Home Address:

46 Laurel St, Apt 3
Somerville, MA 02143

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

Email: roman.madaus@gmail.com

of days: 1

Does this event occupy a public space or significantly affect nearby residents?: Yes

Are you the party applying for the Public Event License?: Yes

Describe the location in detail: Grassy area at Prospect Hill Park.

In the last 5 years, have you been found guilty, liable, or responsible, in any judicial or administrative proceeding, for any violation of the City Wage Theft Ordinance or any State or Federal laws or regulations regulating the payment of wages? [City Wage Theft Ordinance](#): No

Date: 11/15/2025

Event Setup Begins: 10:00 AM

Start Time: 12:00 PM

End Time: 04:00 PM

Event Cleanup Ends: 05:30 PM

Do You Have a Proposed Rain Date for Your Public Event?: Yes

Date: 11/16/2025

Start Time: 10:00 AM

End Time: 12:00 PM

of Additional Dates for Public Events at This Location (if applicable): 1

Date: 11/23/2025

Start Time: 12:00 PM

End Time: 04:00 PM

Organization name; if none, your name: Roman Madaus

Describe any social or cultural benefits of this event for Somerville residents : Somerville residents will have a fun opportunity to enjoy music, dance, and learn about various ways they can support the political health of their community and country. We will invite representatives from mutual aid societies, Indivisible, Mass 50501, Voter Choice Massachusetts, and similar organizations. We want to strengthen Somerville's culture of political involvement. "Come for the music, stay for the politics" is the motto, but we won't be promoting the politics of any specific party.

Describe any financial benefits of this event for Somerville businesses or organizations: Many people will probably go to Union Square afterwards to get a bite to eat, supporting local businesses there.

What is the budget for this event?: \$500

Complete Mailing Address : 46 Laurel St, Apt 3 Somerville, MA

Contact name for follow-up questions (Will be available to the public): Roman Madausa

Email: roman.madaus@gmail.com

Phone (Will be available to the public): 339-368-4841

Event Name : Dance for Democracy

Describe the Event: Dance for Democracy is an outdoor dance party where live music meets political activation. If you've been wondering how you can get plugged in and make our politics and our community healthier and more vibrant, this is where you can learn how. Come for the music, stay for the politics! We are trying to organize this before the holidays start, and we realize that we are applying only a couple weeks in advance. I'd be happy to talk on the phone or come by in person to talk about our plan and address any concerns! This would be in collaboration with the organizers of Joyfest, so we'd have some experienced public event organizers helping us.

Describe any Entertainment at the Event (if none, type None): We'll have DJs playing fun upbeat dance music as well as potentially some local live bands.

Describe any tents, inflatables, or other temporary structures to be used (if none, type None): We'll probably have a few EZ-Up tents and some tables (not more than 6-10).

Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants: Prospect Hill Park features ADA-compliant paths. Because the event is meant to get a broad cross section of the community politically activated, it will be family-friendly.

Estimated maximum attendance at one time : 75

Estimated total number of people attending: 200

Estimated total number of Somerville residents attending : 150

Maximum number of attendees you will accommodate: 250

Attendee fees or suggested donations : None

Will this event be open to the public?: No

Describe your outreach/publicity: We will spread the word through large Somerville-based group chats as well as through an extensive flyer campaign.

Will food be served?: Yes

If yes, describe:: We will provide snacks and beverages for free in a limited capacity. We are aware of the need for food safety and will comply with any town regulations on this. If food is an issue, we will simply not provide it to make permitting simpler.

Will the event be catered?: No

Will a grill/open-flame device be used? : No

Will any streets be blocked? : No

Will any sidewalks be blocked? : No

Will any public parks be used? : Yes

If yes, name of park(s) : Prospect Hill Park

Has this event occurred in the last two years? : No

Police Detail : No

Parking for Attendees : No

Restrooms : No

Liability Insurance : No

Approval Conditions:

Reviewer: Eric Weisman, Public Works, Approved with Conditions

1. Event must not use stakes or pierce the ground in any way.

Reviewer: Mackenzie Richardson, Police, Approved with Conditions

1. Consider hiring a detail if a large crowd is expected

Reviewer: CS Mayor, Mayor's Office, Approved

Reviewer: Maureen Lee, ISD Health, Complete

Reviewer: Kevin Roche, Engineering, Approved

Reviewer: Jesse Moos, Engineering, Complete

Reviewer: Yianny Tsirigotis, Recreation, Approved

Reviewer: Charles Breen, Fire Prevention, Approved

Reviewer: Suzanne Rinfret, Traffic and Parking, Approved

Reviewer: Kimberly M. Wells, City Clerk, Approved