

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL25-000112

File #: 25-015729

Application for: Public Event

Organization name: SOIA and India Association of Greater Boston (IAGB)

Description: This is the 5th Annual India & U.S. Flag Raising Ceremony, a heartfelt celebration of unity, heritage, and community hosted in partnership with the City of Somerville and the India Association of Greater Boston (IAGB).

This special event honors India's 78th Independence Day while paying tribute to the United States — the country so many of Somerville residents proudly call home. Under this year's inspiring theme, "Working Together to Build a Stronger Community," community members will come together to raise both the Indian and American flags in a powerful display of shared civic pride and cultural harmony.

The ceremony will include remarks from local leaders, community members, and IAGB representatives — celebrating the vibrant contributions of Indian Americans and the values of inclusion, unity, and mutual respect that strengthen us all.

All are welcome to attend this brief yet meaningful celebration.

Date(s): 08/09/2025

Setup starts at (time): 09:00 AM

Entertainment: None

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 20-30

Maximum attendees accommodated: 30

Attendee fees or suggested donations: None

Social or cultural benefits:

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Event Contact: Tanu Phoenix

Event name: India Flag Raising & U.S. Flag Honoring Ceremony 2025

Location: City Hall Concourse(93 Holland Street)

Rain date(s): 08/10/2025

Event ends at (time): 1:00 PM

Temporary Structures: SOIA will ask 311 if they can provide one or two tents

Total people attending: 20-30

Total Somerville residents attending: 20-30

What is your budget for this event: Paid by IAGB

Financial benefits:

None

Event Contact Phone: 781-608-2144

Event Information

Open to the public?

Yes/No

Yes

If yes, Describe

Sharing the event flyer on SOIA social accounts and IAGB's social accounts, and newsletters as well

Food served?

No

Caterer used?

Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	No	
Sidewalks blocked?	No	
Describe any accessibility features available to attendees/participants		none
Arrangements:		
Police Detail:	No	
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	No	
Liability Insurance?	No	
Will any public parks be used?	No	
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	August 3rd, 2024

Approved By:
CS Mayor, Approved
Kevin Roche, Approved
CS Traffic and Parking, Approved
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