

February 18, 2026

Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Concord
141 Keyes Road
Concord, MA 01742

Re: Special Permit Request for Midnight Ride Celebration

Dear Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

On behalf of the Concord Museum, I am writing to respectfully request a Special Permit for our Midnight Ride Celebration, which will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2025, from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Proceeds from this special fundraising event will support the Museum's educational programs, which serve more than 15,000 students annually with hands-on history-based programs.

The event will be attended by approximately 200 guests and will include a cocktail reception, dinner, program, and dancing. To accommodate the celebration, a tent will be installed on the Museum's property outside the Anna and Neil Rasmussen Education Center, on the Courtyard abutting the Orchard. The tent will be 25' x 80' and there will additionally be a catering tent of 15' x 30'. We anticipate minimal disruption to the surrounding area and will use our on-site parking, with additional off-site parking at the National Park Service's Wayside Lot. We have applied for permission from the National Park Service to use the Wayside Lot and we will also be hiring a police detail to assist with traffic control during the event.

We are committed to working closely with the Town to address any concerns and will adhere to all necessary guidelines, including temporary structure regulations, noise ordinances, and safety requirements. The Concord Museum has long served as a steward of the town's rich history, and this celebration will further our mission to educate and inspire the community.

We greatly appreciate your time and consideration of our request and welcome the opportunity to provide any additional information you may require.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Holly Salemy
Interim Executive Director