



## Hindu Temple and Cultural Center of Wisconsin

American Hindu Association

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*Dear Members of Madison's Hindu Community, AHA Devotees and Volunteers,*

We have very exciting news to share with all of you! The AHA Board of Trustees unanimously endorsed and approved the recommendations of the Deity Finalization Committee at its meeting on Saturday February 11th, 2017. All the Trustees present; after deliberate consideration of the recommendations, feedback from members of the Board in the last few weeks, and the needs of the Temple, approved the plan based on the following guiding principles:

- ✓ *The selection and location of deities shall represent the needs and requirements of the diverse Hindu community of the greater Madison area and ensure sustainable operations of the AHA Temple in the future.*
- ✓ *The main deities to reflect and include the vision and mission of AHA as articulated in our By-Laws.*
- ✓ *There shall be a maximum of five permanently installed deities on the main Temple stage.*

The Board of Trustees approved the installation of the following deities\* on the main Temple stage:



Sri Ganeshji



Sri Ram Pariwar



Sri Balaji



Maha Shiv Ling



Durga Mata

Additionally, the following deities will be installed on specially designed and purpose-built 'sthaans' in the main hall:

Jagannath Pariwar (Jagannath, Balram, Subhadra and Sudharshan), Radha & Krishna, Sat Narayan, Aiyappan, Hanuman, Srinivasa Pariwar (Srinivasa, Bhoo Devi and Shree Devi), Subramaniam, Valli and Devasena, and Navagraha

We are very pleased to have completed a significant milestone for our community in coming up with a plan that we truly believe to be representative of our diverse community, as well as one that espouses and enhances the values of AHA.

We are now in the process of ordering all deities that are not in our possession and planning for the "Pranapratishta" of the Temple later this year. Pranapratishta dates will be announced once we have all deities in the Temple and city occupational permits for the Temple building.

We would like to request for your continued support as we embark on the final phase of our Temple development and Temple consecration plans. If you are interested in sponsoring any of the deities, in full or part, please let us know and we would be happy to discuss this with you in greater detail. We really appreciate your dedication, patience, and perseverance with the building process and associated delays.

*We look forward to crossing the finish line, together with all of you in the very near future.*

Thank you,

**Board of Directors and Trustees, American Hindu Association**

*\*Deity pictures are for representation only.*