

Asalamu Allaikum

We are writing to notify you that on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 1:00 pm there will be a Board of County Commissioners hearing regarding a proposed zoning variances and special exception for the construction of a new Mosque in Orlando, FL. The hearing will be held at 201 South Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, FL.

Unfortunately, there is a group of individuals that are directly opposing the new Mosque construction. They are actively lobbying the Board of County Commissioner to deny the application for the Mosque. The opposition is also rallying support from residents in the area to attend the hearing and speak on behalf of the opposition.

As such CAIR-Florida and Attorney Paul Chipok is researching and putting forth a strong legal argument that will satisfy the legal zoning requirements. However, the legal arguments are not enough so we need a strong showing from the community supporting the construction of the new Mosque. We also need support from outside the community to be involved and advocate to the Board of County Commissioners to approve the variance and special exception, which will allow the construction of the new Mosque.

Building a Mosque in the US is much different than the time of Rasool Allah SAW. We must follow all the laws of the county where the potential Mosque is being proposed. We must also generate support from our neighbors. There is no intention or action that is not rewarded from Allah SWT and as such we are asking you for support.

In a well narrated Hadith by Abu Hurairah RA "The Messenger of Allah SAW said: "The good deeds that will reach a believer after his death are: knowledge which he learned and then spread; a righteous son whom he leaves behind; a copy of the Qur'an that he leaves as a legacy; **a mosque that he built**; a house that he built for wayfarers; a canal that he dug; or charity that he gave during his lifetime when he was in good health. These deeds will reach him after his death."

[Ibn Majah: 224]

We need your help to build this Mosque! Please contact Thania Diaz Clevenger our Civil Rights Director for additional information at [305-304-2173](tel:305-304-2173) or <mailto:tclevenger@cair.com>. Please share this information with your friends.

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# BOARD APPEARANCE REQUEST

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| TODAY'S DATE:<br><i>August 19 2014</i>  | REQUESTED BOARD DATE: |
| NAME:<br><i>ALAN KORNMAN</i>  | PHONE (optional):     |
| ADDRESS:<br><i>2933 STARWOOD DRIVE</i>  | EMAIL (optional):     |
| CITY, STATE & ZIP:<br><i>ORLANDO, FL 32765</i>  |                       |
| PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH ORANGE COUNTY STAFF REGARDING THIS MATTER (NAME/DEPARTMENT):<br><i>None</i>       |                       |
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