MUSLIM ACTION WITH GOVERNOR PATRICK: RECOGNITION OF OUR PRESENCE, OUR PAIN & OUR POWER

Saturday, May 22, 2010 ▪ 4:15 pm – 5:45 p.m.
ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF BOSTON CULTURAL CENTER & MOSQUE

AGENDA

Co-Chairs: *Sr. Sufia Hassan*, Mosque of the Praising of Allah
Br. Bilal Kaleem, President & Executive Director, MAS Boston

Timekeepers: *Sr. Zainab Elmi*, MAS Boston
Sr. Rasha Azoni, MAS Boston

I. **Opening with Qur'anic Recitation** – *Imam Khalid Nasr*, Quincy Masjid

Translation of Recitation – *Imam Taalib Mahdee*, Masjid al-Qur'an

II. **Roll Call** – *Sr. Sufia Hassan*

III. **Why We Are Gathered Tonight** – *Br. Bilal Kaleem*

IV. **Recognition of Faith, Community & Political Leaders** – *Dr. Syed Asif Razvi*, President, Islamic Council of New England

V. **Announcement of Partnerships** – *Imam Abdullah Faaruuq*, Mosque of the Praising of Allah

- $50,000 to Fund Trainings for Law Enforcement
  - Commitment from Attorney General's office – *Ms. Maura Healey*, Assistant Attorney General, Chief of the Attorney General's Civil Rights Division
  - Commitment from Boston Foundation – *Br. Riyaz Esmail*, Anjuman-e-Ezzi Masjid
- ACLU Partnership – Civil Rights Trainings

VI. **Introduction of Governor** – *Br. Mahmud Jafri*, Islamic Masumeen Center

VII. **Format & Rules** – *Sr. Sufia Hassan*

VIII. **Recognition of Our Presence** – *Br. Tahir Chaudhry*, Pakistani Association

- Story & Three Commitments – *Br. Yacine Ibrahimi*, Al-Huda Society & MACCA; *Sr. Suzan El-Rayess*, Islamic Center of Wayland; *Dr. Mazen Duwaji*, Islamic Center of New England
- Response from Governor

IX. **Recognition of Our Pain** – *Br. Abdirahman Yusuf*, Executive Director, Somali Development Center

- School Story & Commitment – *Sr. Hayfaa Ali*, NUBIA & *Sr. Aaliyah Turner*, Masjid al-Qur'an
- Discrimination Stories & Two Commitments – *Sr. Heiam Alsawalhi*, MAS Boston; *Br. Said Ahmad*, United Somali Alliance; *Sheikh Yusuf Abdulle*, President, Boston Islamic Center; *Br. Mohamed Lamallem*, Director, Al-Huda Society
- Response from Governor

X. **Recognition of Our Power to Contribute to Justice** - *Br. Ken Finn*, Mosque for the Praising of Allah

- Strengthening our Partnership with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization – *Rev. Hurmon Hamilton*
- Story & Commitment – *Rev. Hamilton*, President of GBIO, Pastor of Roxbury Presbyterian Church
- Response from Governor

XI. **Remarks from Governor Deval Patrick**

XII. **Commitment Cards** – *Br. Bilal Kaleem*

XIII. **Interpretation of the Night** – *Sr. Eman Atef*, Vice-President, MAS Boston

XIV. **Closing Prayer** – *Sheikh Mahammed Abdullahi*, Boston Islamic Center

Commitments to be Sought & Governor's Responses	YES	NO
Recognition of Presence: Will you Governor get to know our community by way of visiting two Muslim institutions by the end of this year?		
Recognition of Presence: Will you Governor designate a liaison to the Muslim community?		
Recognition of Presence: Will you Governor issue a proclamation, urging the public and private sectors to accommodate Muslims weekly religious obligation to attend Friday afternoon prayers?		
Recognition of Pain: Will you Governor convene a meeting between your Education Secretary and representatives from the Muslim community to discuss addressing the challenges facing Muslim students through trainings for educators?		
Recognition of Pain: Will you Governor issue a proclamation decrying discrimination & racial profiling against Muslims?		
Recognition of Pain: Will you Governor convene heads of law enforcement agencies (federal and state agencies) that operate in MA for a meeting with Muslim representatives to discuss the need for cultural awareness trainings?		
Recognition of Power to Contribute to Justice: Will you Governor work with us to find ways to target banks that ignore our state's usury cap law?		

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COMMITMENT CARD

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Name _____

Masjid/Institution _____

Email: _____

Phone Numbers: Cell _____ Home _____

What is the name of the bank that you bank with: _____

How many people have checking/savings accounts in the above bank in your household? _____

☐ I pledge to filling out the census.

☐ I pledge to registering to vote and voting in the next election on November 2, 2010.

☐ I plan to attend the fundraiser at the ISBCC on Saturday, June 5th at 5 pm.

☐ I pledge to attend GBIO's Accountability Night with all candidates for Governor in September 2010.

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