

# Local Muslims Unveil Plans For A New Masjid At A Recent Dedication Ceremony



Iman Saadig Saafir of Los Angeles, CA delivers a responsible message to all those in attendance. Photos by Savoy/LVS-VOICE



The only masjid in Southern Nevada drew a wide variety of listeners to its name changing ceremony. Photos by Savoy/LVS-VOICE

**By Muhammad Abdullah**

W. Morgan unveiled plans to build a new Masjid structure named "Masjid Al Sabur" (The House of Worship of the patient).

In a "historic" dedication ceremony held on Sunday, February 23, 1992, the local Muslim community of "Masjid" Muhammad Las Vegas, located at 711

According to resident Iman,

Mujahid Ramadan, the structure will house 200 to 250 people and will include a lobby and reception area, administrative offices, expanded classrooms for the Sister Clara Muhammad School, a modern kitchen and two minarets (structures where the Muslim community can be called to prayer five times daily.) The adhan (call to prayer) will be

pipied-in electronically.

Nearly 125 people were on hand to witness a two-hour program on Sunday afternoon which included an out-of-town guest speaker Iman Saadiq Saafir of Masjid Ibadillah, Los Angeles a world renown Muslim leader, Quranic recitations along with English translation, a dramatic skirt, and refreshments.

The event was highlighted by an unveiling of the "architectural rendering" of the newly proposed site along with the public unveiling of a "wall mural" that displayed a picturesque painting on the front of the present building of the proposed site, which was painted by Sister Harnetha Abdul Jabaar Franklin.

Present for the ceremony were numerous out-of-town Muslims from San Diego and Los Angeles, many local well-wishers including members of the local Las Vegas Muslim community.

The dedication ended with the official re-naming of the Masjid to "Masjid Al Sabur."

Awards were presented to long time pioneer Sister Harnetha Abdul Jabaar Franklin.

Members of the dedication committee included Sameesha Ramadan, Iman Sabreen, Baheejah Abdul Salaam, Iman Sultan Luqman Abdul Salaam, Gregory Abdul Jabaar Franklin, Anyika Kamal, Jeff Clemons, Rasheedah Abdul Rasheed, Essie Abdul Rasheed and Nadir A. Majied.

The Muslim community will add a greater "asset" to the Las Vegas community with the building of its new site and Masjids will begin to sprout all over the city.

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The following programs have been scheduled for March but please be advised that changes may have occurred since this printing. Please call 229-6601 to confirm the time and date of activity and to sign up.

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