

With Allah's Name, the Merciful Benefactor, the Merciful Redeemer

Masjid Al-Qur'aan purchased 374-374A Blue Hill Avenue in 1998 as a continuation of building on its legacy in establishing a model community calling the world to human excellence. The \$79,900 investment secured the adjacent property ownership, providing the foundation for economic growth. Built in 1920 the 4,764 sq. ft. property rest on a 2,295 sq. ft. lot located on the corner of Blue Hill Avenue and Intervale Street. It is a three-story brick structure residing in Dorchester, Massachusetts within a neighborhood struggling for identity since the early years of gentrification in Boston.

The neighborhood identity struggle and the challenges aligned with the community stigma flowed into the many derailed attempts in bringing the property online for affordable housing and economic development. The initial investment is now estimated to be worth \$440,000 as is. We should honor our pioneers and supporters, who possessed the faith and vision more than twenty years ago, by continuing to build on their commitment and sacrifice. We have an opportunity to make this building a self sustaining source of income for MAQ. Which of the favors of your Lord will you deny?

In the beginning, many Believers and MAQ board members were involved in developing the property. With help from volunteer community members the demolition effort was active but it was a model that would not bring us to a point of success, to keep the vision alive. There were efforts over the years to get the project completed, most failed due to lack of finances. Efforts lead by Nathan Sabir and Carson Freeman. Efforts to employ services and consultation of Sharif Abdal-Khallaq of SAAK Realty; Rashad Munir, Malik Abdul Aziz, HM Karriem Van Leesten, and Associates; Marzuq Muhammad and additional efforts with Karriem Muhammad and Sharif Abdal Khallaq.

The many diverse perspectives on the strict adherence and practical application of interest made it very difficult to achieve securing the necessary financing required. In 2018 a group of MAQ active members formed an investment group. The members, fortified with a plan, were tired of seeing the empty building and witnessing the drain of resources over the years. The members were:

1. Imam Taalib Mahdee
2. Nathan Sabir
3. Marzuq Muhammad
4. Everett Sabree
5. Aamir Mahdi
6. Alif Muhammad



Masjid Al-Qur'aan (MAQ) formed the separate legal entity MAQ 374 BHA, LLC to oversee project development and manage the rehabilitation process. Four of the original investors put up personal monies to demonstrate their commitment to bank prospects. Isam Hijaz from Boston Contractors &

Developers, LLC was hired as the architect and contractor for the 374 Project development. After a couple of failed attempts to secure financing, Rockland Trust Bank awarded us financing and required the four members to personally guarantee the loan. The architectural design calls for commercial retail space, MAQ retail space and 4 apartments. The apartment spaces will accommodate 2 two-bedroom and 2 one-bedroom units.

Your prayers and financial support are critical for successful completion of this project.

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