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In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

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Clarification on Redirection/Refund of New Site Donations

Based on some of the feedback we have received, a point of clarification on the previously sent letter regarding redirection of New Site Funds seems in order.

Donors are NOT required to have their donation to the New Site fund redirected or refunded. ICOI still intends to continue its search for a New Site, however we may possibly take a slightly different approach and even a different vision from the ORIGINAL New Site Plan. Some donors have expressed that this change in direction from the ORIGINAL plan is not in line with their specific donor intent and have requested their donations be redirected or refunded. In the spirit of transparency and openness we are offering this option to all donors, and not just the specific individuals who have reached out to us for redirect/refunds. If this option is being made available to them, we also wanted it to be available to all. This was discussed at the Town Hall meeting held on September 18th.

ICOI is committed to finding an alternative solution to the New Site, and if you stand with ICOI in its search for a New Site, you do not need to redirect your donations or take any further action. Your donations will continue to remain in the New Site Fund, and you may continue to donate to the New Site Fund should you so desire.

Please direct any questions, comments or concerns to board@icoi.net

Thank You.

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The Board of Directors of ICOI understands and appreciates the concerns that some members may have about donations made to the New Site Fund, in light of the proposed change in strategy, and the original donor intent not being realized.

Therefore, **New Site Donors are being given the one-time option to have their New Site donations (and ONLY New Site donations) redirected** or refunded per the following terms:

1. Beginning Today redirect/refund requests may be made [HERE](#) at <https://bit.ly/icoirect>
2. You can check your donation status and amount by calling the Office at (949) 786-4264
3. **Redirect/Refund requests must be submitted to the office by 12/31/2020**
4. **INTERNAL REDIRECT:** Donors may have their funds redirected within ICOI to a different campaign (General Masjid Operations, Sadaqah, etc.)
 - a. Donors may indicate that they would like their funds to be redirected internally at ICOI for construction purposes only (i.e. improving the existing infrastructure of ICOI)
5. **EXTERNAL REDIRECT:** Donors may choose to redirect funds to the general fund of another 501(c)(3) organization.
 - a. ICOI will suggest local reputable organizations for donors to select. However if a donor would like their funds to go to another unlisted organization they must provide additional information for ICOI to verify its legitimacy.
 - b. If ICOI cannot validate the legitimacy of a suggested charitable organization, or has reasonable concerns about the legality or liability of donating to the suggested organization, a refund will be made to the donor instead.
6. **REFUND:** Donors may elect to have their funds refunded directly to the donor.
 - a. **NOTE: ICOI strongly recommends that anyone who opts for a refund first speak to a tax attorney or CPA to understand the tax implications and potential fees or fines they may incur if charitable deductions were made on tax returns.**
7. Redirection or Refunds are targeted to be completed within the 1st Quarter of 2021.

If you have any questions you may contact the board at board@icoi.net

Thank You.