

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh!

January 15, 1997

Dear Sadh Sangat Ji,

We are writing this letter to you to inform you about the progress that we have made towards the building of "ARIZONA SIKH GURDWARA". Since we wrote you last, we have had significant achievements in this process. We contacted an architect Nirbhai Bedi of Vancouver, B.C., Canada who has designed number of Gurdwaras in North America. He decided to volunteer his services to design the Gurdwara building for us. He visited Phoenix in October of 1996 and looked at the property that we have bought for the construction of "ARIZONA SIKH GURDWARA". He then designed the site plan which we submitted to the city of Phoenix. We then had a meeting with the city officials approximately three weeks ago. No problems were encountered. Some minor changes were advised by the city officials. These suggestions were then mailed to Nirbhai Bedi who then edited the plan. The new plan has been again submitted to the city. We should have another meeting with the city officials within the next couple weeks. We are enclosing this plan with this letter for your information.

As you know, we have been forbidden to make any announcements or distribute any material about "ARIZONA SIKH GURDWARA" at the present Gurdwara, Guru Nanak Asharm, the only way we can convey our message is through this mailing. Therefore, sometimes there can be delay in communicating with you about the project. But we like to assure you that momentum of building "ARIZONA SIKH GURDWARA" is in full swing. We continue to receive donations from the Sangat. In addition to the previous Seva of carpet and cooling fans, we have also received Seva towards the audio system from another generous family. If you have any Seva such as air conditioning, kitchen ovens, kitchen utensils or any thing else in mind that you think can be of help in the new Gurdwara, please let us know.

The most important announcement that we would like to make in this letter is that there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the "ARIZONA SIKH GURDWARA" on April 13, 1997 at 38th Ave. Kirtan will be performed at the site. Donations are being accepted the purchase of new "GURU GRANTH SAHIB" and "MANJI SAHIB" for this historical ceremony which then will be placed in the "ARIZONA SIKH GURDWARA" as our Guru for His teachings and blessings. We appeal to the whole united Sangat to contribute whatever possible for "GURU GRANTH SAHIB". Please let your family and friends know about this. We want to make sure that every member of the Sangat in Phoenix has this opportunity to contribute towards "GURU GRANTH SAHIB". Please contribute whatever you can by March 13, 1997, so that we would have some time to arrange the ceremony without any problems. You can send your contributions in cash or checks (written to Sikh Religious Society of Arizona) to any of the following members:

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Iqbal S. Dhaliwal, Dr. Balwinder S. Pawar, Dr. Baljit Singh and Harbhagwan S. Sekhon*

We would also like to announce that this year's annual Vaisakhi function is being organized towards the end of April by "Sikh Religious Society of Arizona". The children are encouraged to start preparing their performances as soon as possible. Another announcement will be made soon with final arrangements. We are arranging a fund raising golf tournament in May. We are requesting the businesses to sponsor the event. Please contact Dr. Sraow if you would like to help.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ranjit S. Bisla
Dr. Jagwinder S. Sraow
Sikh Religious Society of Arizona