

Shri Mandir New Temple Construction: A Journey of Faith and Community

July 2025, San Diego, CA. Shri Mandir is happy to share an exciting new chapter with the acquisition of a modern, larger property at **9466 Black Mountain Road**, right next door to our current location. This 32,000 sq. ft. office building is set to be transformed into a vibrant new **Shri Mandir and Community Cultural Center**, fulfilling a long-held vision for our growing community. We will continue to provide updates on a regular basis to update our community on our progress.

Key Milestones Achieved: *(See pictures below)*

- **Property Identified:** We started in late 2024, and after an extensive search, the ideal property at **9466 Black Mountain Road** that is right next door was identified as highly suitable for our needs.
- **Successful Fundraising:** Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community and a successful matching fund campaign, Shri Mandir was able to raise the necessary funds.
- **Debt-Free Acquisition:** On the auspicious day of Mahashivratri in **February 2025**, escrow closed, and the property was purchased with cash, ensuring no debt was created for the mandir.
- **Grah Pravesh & Kalash Sthapana:** Graced by our Pandit Ji's, a sacred Grah Pravesh ceremony and Kalash Sthapana were performed early on **February 26, 2025**, marking the spiritual initiation of the new building.
- **Renovation Committee Established:** To guide the transformation, on May 18, 2025, Dr. Rami Ji Reddy, Chairman of the Shri Mandir board, established a 22-member **New Mandir Renovation Committee**.
 - **Chairperson:** Hema Majmudar Ji
 - **Vice Chair:** Ashok Shah Ji
 - **Secretary:** Sam Angappan Ji
- **Sub-Committees Formed:** To ensure efficient progress, several specialized sub-committees were formed as follows:
 - **Architectural Sub-committee:** Led by Ramesh Patel Ji, this team is responsible for overseeing the design and structural planning of the new temple and the community center.
 - **Fundraising Committee:** Led by Dr. Rami Ji Reddy and Kiran Majmudar Ji, this committee continues to spearhead efforts to secure the necessary funds for renovation.
 - **Community Center Sub-committee:** Led by Narender Bharadwaj Ji, this group focuses on getting the necessary paperwork and approvals along with the bylaws for the versatile community center. This will help the community center to be registered as a non-profit that will serve various needs and allow matching funds from various organizations.
 - **Finance Committee:** Led by Kantibhai Patel Ji, this committee ensures prudent financial management of the project.
 - **Public Relations (PR) Committee:** Led by Ramesh Doraiswamy, this committee is tasked with communicating the project's progress and engaging the wider community.

Architectural Vision Taking Shape

- A comprehensive wish list for both the mandir features and the community center, gathered from community input, has been prepared for the architects.
- The Architectural Committee held its inaugural meeting on **May 21, 2025**, to formally introduce Architect Joseph Holasek and our esteemed Shri Mandir devotee, Murali Ji Pasumarthi. We thank Murali Ji, who is a well-respected member of the San Diego County planning office, for generously

offering his expertise as **seva** (selfless service) to the project. Both Joe and Murali Ji, highly recommended by Jain Center members, brought positive insights regarding the new building.

- A follow-up meeting on **June 3, 2025**, proved very productive. Murali Ji showcased Joe's impressive work for Shiva Math in Escondido, presenting detailed plans that impressed the committee. Joe, in turn, presented a preliminary plan for 9466 Black Mountain Road, illustrating tenant improvements to incorporate our ambitious wish list. The committee members provided valuable comments and suggestions and are happy to continue this immense journey at seeing our collective vision come to life on the map.
- Shashi Patel Ji will be part of the Architecture Committee as an advisor and will guide the architecture committee with his wealth of Hindu Temple design experience.
- We had a 2-hour Zoom meeting with Vipul Ji on July 16, who went over an extensive set of designs for the garbha grahas. Vipul Ji's company specializes in building temples in the US inline with the hindu tradition, with teams in US and India. There are more meetings for the New Mandir Committee scheduled for **upcoming months**.

The Path Ahead: Completing Our Dream

- While we have made great progress, we still have a long way to go to bring our complete vision to reality. We anticipate needing to raise approximately **three million dollars** to finalize the renovation and fully realize our dream of a magnificent Shri Mandir and Community Center.
- We extend our deepest thanks for the immense contributions and support received from our community thus far. We humbly appeal to all of you, and your friends and networks, to continue donating generously to support our renovation project. This is a truly unique and auspicious opportunity to be an integral part of this historic project and proudly call yourselves **mandir builders**.

Kindly use the below donation form to send your contributions to help build our new mandir!

Thank you all, and Namaste.

Your Shri Mandir Leadership team

Pictures from the new building Pooja

Escrow Signing



Fundraising committee



Grah Pravesh Pooja



New Building Elevation



New Building Pooja



New Building Pooja





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Donation Form : New Building Renovation

Enclosed is my Tax-deductible donation of \$ paid to Hindu Mandir Society of San Diego.

Our target is to raise \$3 million for renovation, including the construction of Garbhagriha for each arch

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Please make Donation check payable to Hindu Mandir Society of San Diego. Alternatively, donation can be given with credit card payment or payable online.

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