While there was worry that September 11th, 2010 would be marred by bubbling controversies over Islam, the question now is where does the debate over the planned Ground Zero community center go next?

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Debate over Proposed Islamic Center Near Ground Zero Continues after 9th Anniversary of 9/11
KATE SNOW, anchor:
On this day after the anniversary of the September 11th attacks, yet more division and debate today over whether to build a mosque and Islamic center near ground zero. NBC's Mike Taibbi has more tonight.
MIKE TAIBBI reporting:
On the ninth anniversary, there were the familiar touchstones of remembrance...
Mayor MICHAEL BLOOMBERG: Please joins us and all New Yorkers in a moment of silence.
TAIBBI: ...the pause of the moments when the plane struck and the towers fell, the pealing of the bells, the reading of the names of those lost.
Unidentified Man: Joseph M. Giaccone.
TAIBBI: The vice president was at ground zero; the first lady in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; and President Obama at the Pentagon, repeating what his predecessor first said right after the attacks.
President BARACK OBAMA: We are not and never will be at war with Islam.
Group of People: (In unison) No mosque here! No mosque here!
TAIBBI: Later, though, there were competing demonstrations, thousands protesting the proposed Islamic Cultural Center and mosque two blocks from ground zero, others supporting the center and decrying anti-Muslim bigotry. But the mosque opponents include 9/11 first responders like Fabrizio Bivona, who had a measured message For the center's planner, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf.
Mr. FABRIZIO BIVONA: I'll give the imam the benefit of the doubt to say maybe he didn't understand what he was doing and maybe he was trying to build bridges. However, now that there can't be any question in his mind the amount of hurt and trauma he's causing family members.
TAIBBI: In fact, as the opposition has grown broader, angrier and seemingly entrenched, more and more Muslims have been willing to come out publicly and say, enough is enough.
Muslims like Brooklyn Imam Daud Hanif, who says Imam Rauf should now rethink his Islamic center plan.

Imam DAUD HANIF: If the imam decides to shift it somewhere else, it would be better.

TAIBBI: You think so?

Imam HANIF: Yeah.

TAIBBI: Rauf said on ABC's "This Week" that such a move would be seen as a failure with consequences.

Imam FAISAL ABDUL RAUF: (From ABC's "This Week") The headline in the Muslim world will be `Islam is under attack in America.' This will strengthen the radicals in the Muslim world, help their recruitment.

TAIBBI: But his fellow Muslim imam disagrees.

Imam HANIF: It will be considered as a very good gesture on his part, a great sacrifice.

TAIBBI: For now, though, the 9/11 remembrance that might have been overshadowed by the intensifying debate over Islam instead began and ended with its purpose intact, even as that debate will continue. Mike Taibbi, NBC News, New York.