

Black Economic Council

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Lunch Meeting with President Obama Need for Corporate Responsibility and Diversity

Dear Mr. Thompson,

We are pleased that you will be hosting a lunch this Sunday at your home for President Obama. We are enclosing our letter to the President of September 1st regarding his fundraising in Silicon Valley.

As our enclosed letter states, it would be a big mistake for the President to raise money for his campaign and not at the same time focus on corporate responsibility and diversity in Silicon Valley. See, for example, the President's recent adoption of Warren Buffet's position on this issue and the long time efforts of Bill Gates' corporate philanthropic responsibilities.

As you may know, we have led protests this year against both Google and Apple relating in significant part to the lack of diversity in the hiring, particularly at key positions in Silicon Valley. Similarly, we have raised the issue of lack of contracts to small minority-owned firms.

You are in a unique position to speak out on behalf of issues of growing concern to the Black community, the Latino community and the Southeast Asian American community regarding job and small business opportunities.

In this context, we hope you will raise these issues at your luncheon and we will follow up next week to set up a meeting with you to discuss how you might play a leadership role in having Silicon Valley be reflective in its employment, contracts and philanthropy of the diverse demographics of California.

Thank you for your past leadership efforts.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len Canty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Len Canty
Chairman
Black Economic Council

cc: Chair of the National Asian American Coalition
Chair of the Latino Business Chamber of Greater Los Angeles
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