

Black Economic Council

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Sheryl Sandberg
Chief Operating Officer
Facebook
14 Network Circle
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Meeting with Obama

Dear Sheryl,

I write to you as the Chief Deputy for the Black Economic Council and as one of an endangered species in Silicon Valley, I am a high tech Black professional who has worked in Silicon Valley.

No one in Silicon Valley has your vision, insight and understanding of companies like Facebook following the Gates/Buffer model of corporate responsibility.


You will be hosting the President this Sunday at your home. We will not interfere with this effort, even though we are highly critical of the President's fundraising efforts in Silicon Valley since they are unconnected to corporate responsibility issues (attached is the September 1st letter to the President relating to his September Silicon Valley visit with you and other Silicon Valley companies).

As you are aware, we intended a Facebook demonstration at your new headquarters in Mountain View on October 22, 2011, but temporarily cancelled the protest because of Facebook's recent announcement of new privacy protections, protections we are presenting evaluating.

The leadership of the Black Economic Council, the National Asian American Coalition and the Latino Business Chamber of Greater Los Angeles, all of whom are major critics of Silicon Valley company corporate practices that ignore and/or exclude minorities, would like an opportunity to meet with you in the near future. However, before such a meeting I suggest that you and I have a very personal "woman to woman" discussion on how the combination of Mark Zuckerberg and you can propel Facebook into national leadership on corporate responsibility, much as Bill Gates did for Microsoft and Warren Buffet has been doing for many years.

I will call you late next week to set our initial luncheon meeting. In closing, I would like to express to you on a very personal level how much I admire what you have achieved so far and what I hope you will achieve in the near future not only for Facebook, but for all of Silicon Valley.

Sincerely,



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Chief Deputy
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