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"BUILDING ECONOMIC BRIDGES"

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## Press conference and Protest at Apple, Inc at One Stockton Street Store on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon

*Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple Inc. Accused of Destabilizing the American Economy Based  
on **Anti-American** Hiring and Business Practices*

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Black Economic Council will lead a community protest at the Apple Computer Retail Store located at One Stockton Street San Francisco, CA 94108 at 12 PM. The Black Economic Council previously helped lead a protest against Google on its campus on February 10th.

The protest and complaint is based on the destabilization of the American economy caused by the "Anti-American" hiring and business practices of Apple Inc., under the leadership of their CEO, Steve Jobs. Black and Latino groups are concerned about the company's hiring practices, which we have asked the Department of Justice to investigate for anti-competitive behavior. Apple's strategy is to lower the wage earning potential for American engineers by, for example, heavily relying on the H-1B visa program for foreign workers. This is one of the causes of high unemployment rates for Americans and exploits foreign labor by offering lower wages and creating tension in labor relations. These are common practices in "Mac World" as they sacrifice corporate responsibility in the name of profits.

The Apple logo, once synonymous with innovation, now provides a face for "economic terrorism" in the form of unemployment, low wages and ultimately poverty. Consumers support Apple products by waiting in lines that is comparable to US unemployment lines.

Apple's style of profitability at any cost, unveiled in recent discoveries showing that iOS4 is secretly obtaining and recording location information to a hidden file on user's devices is just one example of abuse of privacy.

California recently introduced SB 761 the bill commonly known as "Do-Not-Track". Apple, rather than being a leading advocate for consumer privacy, is a leading offender.

"This is not 'Mac World', this is the real world." said Len Canty, Chairman of the Black Economic Council. Apple's continual violation of business ethics at the expense of Americans demonstrates Steve Job's indifference to Americans", Canty stated.

Mr. Canty then stated that "Apple's 'BIG BROTHER' approach to business, including secretly tracking the movement of customers, is clear evidence of abuse of power and demonstrates that Mr. Jobs will continue to drive profitability at the expense of Americans."

The protesters seek congressional hearings and will request that Silicon Valley congressional leaders, such as congresspersons Speier, Honda, Lofgren and Pelosi, as well as Senators Boxer and Feinstein, seek congressional investigations for the following:

- ANTI-AMERICAN HIRING PRACTICES
- ANTI-CONSUMERISM
- LOWER WAGES FOR AMERICAN ENGINEERS
- EXPLOITING FOREIGN WORKERS FOR LOWER WAGES

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