

GRASSROOTS

3004 16th St. #114 S.F. CA 94103

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(1) ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION __ (Apartheid Consumer Boycott)

Apartheid denies most South Africans such basics as the right to vote, solely based on the color of their skin.

If all races could vote, South Africans would long ago have voted to end Apartheid. Since they can't vote, we need to do it for them.

For human rights: vote Yes on __.

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(2) ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION __ (Apartheid Consumer Boycott)

A Gallup poll found 77% of South Africa's black majority favoring international economic boycotts as pressure for ending Apartheid.

Such boycotts have been called for by Bishop Tutu, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the African National Congress, Steve Biko and many other victims of Apartheid.

We agree. Consumer boycotts are grassroots "people power". Boycott companies that profiteer from injustice; vote Yes.

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(3) ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION __ (Apartheid Consumer Boycott)

Attorneys speak out against Apartheid:

South African police can arrest without charge. They can hold you incommunicado -- no contacts with family, lawyers, press.

They censor news, books, music. They've banned Christmas caroling, funerals and other peaceful gatherings. Groups which criticize the government are forbidden to hold meetings.

Blacks are subject to segregation and "relocation"; their property and employment rights are greatly restricted; often, they are simply murdered.

As attorneys, we help when people's legal rights are violated -- but what can we do for those who have no legal rights?

In the court of world public opinion, Apartheid has been convicted of crimes against humanity. By imposing a sentence of economic isolation, we can end Apartheid.

Vote Yes -- take a stand for justice.

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(4) ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION __ (Apartheid Consumer Boycott)

Businesses speak out against Apartheid:

We believe in responsible business practices.

This means earning profits, not profiteering from the oppression of others.

South Africa has attracted many American businesses, because the exploitation of that country's black majority has produced above-average profits -- literally, "blood money".

Boycotting South Africa pressures them to end Apartheid. Boycotting corporations that do business there, pressures them to stop their profiteering.

This Proposition asks the Board of Supervisors to determine and publicly identify the most appropriate targets for a consumer boycott of companies tied to Apartheid.

As responsible businesses, the undersigned ask you to vote Yes.

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(5) ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION __ (Apartheid Consumer Boycott)

Labor speaks out against Apartheid:

The Congress of South African Trade Unions has asked the world to boycott South Africa, to pressure for abolition of Apartheid. The AFL-CIO and other unions have called a boycott of Shell Oil, because of Shell's ties to Apartheid.

San Francisco's Supervisors unanimously passed a city purchasing policy to avoid companies tied to South Africa whenever satisfactory alternatives are available.

This measure asks the public to follow that example. It calls a consumer boycott of companies that profiteer from Apartheid, focusing on the worst offenders as identified by the Supervisors.

The companies this would target are no friends of labor. They can ignore moral appeals; but boycotts affect their "bottom line" -- profits -- in a way they can't afford to ignore.

Vote Yes.

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(6) ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION __ (Apartheid Consumer Boycott)

This calls a voluntary consumer boycott. It would not require any significant spending of city funds or infringement of individuals' liberties. Make a statement for freedom: vote Yes.

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AUTHORIZATION: I/we hereby authorize the use of my/our name with the above ballot argument in the city voter handbook.

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

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