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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Local 541 is urging a boycott of the Empire Way businesses whose owners have filed a lawsuit trying to block the re-naming of Empire Way S to Martin Luther King Way.

Although these people have made substantial profits from their non-white customers (many of them our Union members) they claim they are not motivated by racism. Instead, they say it's only "the high printing costs for new stationery" which makes them oppose honoring Martin Luther King. We don't want to say they are outright liars, but, familiar as we are with the cost of printing new stationery, compared to the high costs of paying an attorney, we ask YOU to decide which costs more! So much for phony excuses!

The community's response to this lawsuit is gaining momentum. It appears likely that an Ad Hoc Committee will form within days. Possible action being considered is picketing these businesses. We need the assistance of as many brothers and sisters as we can get so Local 541's participation will be as thorough as possible.

Please call us at: 323-4475 or stop by in person, to let us know you would like to help fight racism in our city.

The businesses to be boycotted (all on Empire Way S) are:

VIRGIL FOX RENT-IT SHOP	5700 block
VIRGIL FOX PLUMBING	
CHUCK'S EXXON	5600 block
25 HOUR GROCERY	5400 block
FOUR STAR LUMBER SUPPLIES	

The Seattle City Council has already voted for honoring Martin Luther King by re-naming Empire Way S. Despite a telephone pressure campaign by these people, Mayor Royer has signed the bill into law.

Let's work together to show racists we will not allow them to prevent the honoring of Dr Martin Luther King.

In the Struggle.....

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