SAY NO TO AMAZON!

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NO AMAZON MEGA-WAREHOUSE IN EUGENE! AMAZON: STOP POWERING ICE DEPORTATIONS! SUPPORT LOCAL & ETHICAL BUSINESSES!

Amazon presents itself as a benign customer fulfillment company, but in reality, it's in collusion with Trump's fascist regime by supporting the development of systems that allow the U.S. government to target those whom the regime has deemed undesirable: immigrants, trans people, people of color, Muslims, activists, and many others. **Amazon fuels mass deportations using Amazon Web Services and provides cloud technology to the Israeli government for its genocide in Gaza.** Amazon is also pushing toward a monopoly, undermining local economies, and engaging in many other unethical practices.

Amazon's tentacles include Whole Foods, IMDb, Slack, MGM, Freevee, Alexa, Audible, Kindle, AbeBooks, GoodReads, Amazon Pay, 365, Zappos, Ring, Fire TV, Shopbop, Twitch, PillPack, Echo,1-Click, 25 cloud computing companies, shipping, package delivery and much more.

Amazon has insinuated itself into millions of lives - but that also gives us leverage, because so many of us have direct, often daily, contact with them so our influence is also direct!

Let's demonstrate Nonviolent Mass Non-cooperation! Join us in saying NO to Amazon!

WHY SAY NO TO AMAZON?

- 1) Amazon is a prime **driver of ICE's deportation actions by providing ICE with data storage** services. Amazon has helped expand the growth of ICE's surveillance, data accumulation, arrest, imprisonment, and deportation of immigrants, and ICE can't do its job without the infrastructure support Amazon and other tech firms provide. For more info: https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/wp-content/uploads/How-Amazon-Powers-ICEs-DeportationMachine.pdf and https://www.technologyreview.com/2018/10/22/139639/amazon-is-the-invisible-backbone-behind-ices-immigration-crackdown/
- 2) Amazon is **complicit in Israeli genocide in Gaza** with a \$1.2 billion contract to provide cloud technology to the Israeli government and military.
- 3) Amazon is secretly pushing forward plans to build a massive warehouse in Eugene. The promised warehouse jobs will soon be replaced by Al and robotics as Amazon continues to automate its warehouses. They say this will enhance customer fulfillment, but it means many workers be replaced with machines. They plan to fully automate all warehouses by 2030.
- 4) Amazon delivery driver jobs will also be phased out. Currently, Amazon delivers packages in Lane County using mainly UPS, Fed Ex and USPS, but Amazon plans to create its own delivery fleet to cut out those carriers.
- 5) Amazon is **anti-union and violates workers' rights** to breaks, safety and reasonable work hours. Amazon workers are under surveillance and pressured to meet huge quotas, risking physical and mental harm. As Amazon continually expands into more of the economy, it's driving **trends that undermine working people:** fewer good jobs, more temp work, declining wages and high-stress working conditions.
- 6) Amazon is an aggressive tax evader.
- 7) Amazon has a **poor climate record**, sells services to fossil fuel companies, supports new nuclear power plants, destroys returned products, and consumes vast amounts of power in data centers for Amazon Web Services and AI.
- 8) Amazon has repeatedly been accused of **racism** and a systemic pattern of discrimination.
- 9) Amazon seeks to **dominate U.S. grocery services**, with plans to offer same-day grocery delivery to 2300 U.S. cities by the end of the year, undercutting local and regional grocery stores and farmers.

YOU CAN DELETE YOUR AMAZON ACCOUNT & HISTORY!

Once your account is closed, it is no longer accessible by you or anyone else; you won't be able to access your order history or print a proof of purchase or an invoice. This also affects related customer accounts, features, and services that are linked to your email address.

To submit a request to close your Amazon account and delete your personal information:

- 1. Go to Close Your Amazon Account.
- 2. Sign into the account you want to close.
- 3. Review the products and services associated with your account.
- 4. If you still wish to proceed, select a reason in the drop-down menu, tick the box next to Yes, I want to permanently close my Amazon account and delete my data and click Close my Account.

SPEAK OUT: NO AMAZON MEGA-WAREHOUSE IN EUGENE!

Email: mayorcouncilandcitymanager@eugene-or.gov, and <u>LRAPA@Irapa-or.gov</u>
Call: Mayor Kaarin Knudson: 541-682-5010; City of Eugene Planning Commission: 541-682-5377
Dear Mayor, City Council, City Manager, and LRAPA.

I am stunned by your lack of response to public concerns about the proposed Amazon megawarehouse in Eugene. This is urgent because Amazon plans to start construction in December 2025. City spokesperson Lindsay Selser said "the city has no ability to deny building permits that meet applicable code requirements." It appears that our elected officials are complicit or disinterested. The people of Eugene should know that when it comes to our very real concerns about Amazon, we have no representation to protect us. At the very least, you should demand an environmental impact study and traffic impact analysis before final approval of the project.

I'm strongly against Amazon building a massive warehouse in Eugene, a 320,000 square foot building on 84 acres of farmland near the Eugene Airport, paving over 9 acres of wetlands, with parking spaces for up to 1400 vehicles, creating 2592 trips per day for 20 hours each day, increasing traffic on Highway 99 by16%. Each year, this traffic would generate 20 tons of particulate emissions, and 39 tons of volatile organic compounds including formaldehyde. Willamette Valley is subject to heat domes, inversions, and wildfire smoke, which cause air pollution to stagnate in the valley, driving our air quality into very unhealthy zones. The proposed Amazon facility would increase our air pollution even more.

Amazon promises warehouse jobs but those jobs will soon be replaced by Al and robotics as Amazon moves rapidly toward its goal of full automation by 2030.

Furthermore, Amazon is a prime **driver of ICE's deportation actions by providing ICE with data storage** services. Amazon helps expand the growth of ICE's surveillance, data accumulation, arrest, imprisonment, and deportation of immigrants.

Architects and contractors have already worked for months on this project, with plans to complete the building by January 2027. Do not allow Amazon to infiltrate, dominate and exploit Eugene!

AMAZON'S SECRET PLANS TO BUILD THE MEGA-WAREHOUSE IN EUGENE

Amazon is **secretly** pushing forward plans to build this massive warehouse in Eugene, as they have done in many other cities. Non-disclosure agreements allow developers to hide the company's name until the last minute. They are trying to avoid pushback from the community.

- The architect/contractor listed on the building permit application is Connecticut-based BL Companies, which specializes in building facilities for Amazon. The blueprints are copyrighted by BL Companies, which refuses to give approval to reproduce them.
- Todd Van Voast, VP of Trammel Crow Real Estate, and the contact listed on LRAPA permit said he "wasn't allowed to comment on the project."
- Eugene Weekly journalist Christian Wihtol contacted Brent McLean, the broker at Eugene Commercial Real Estate who is handling the listing of the land. McLean said he can't say much because he signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement with the pending purchaser.

AMAZON: STOP POWERING ICE'S DEPORTATION MACHINE

From the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyer's Guild, Immigrant Defense Project, and Mijent

Amazon Web Services is a prime driver of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) incarceration and deportation regime by providing ICE with a host of data storage services. Along with other major tech corporations, Amazon has built a revolving door with the US government to entrench Silicon Valley's role in expanding the acceleration of ICE's surveillance, data accumulation, arrest, imprisonment, and deportation of immigrants. ICE cannot wage its war against immigrants without the critical infrastructure support provided by tech corporations like Amazon.

How does Amazon fuel mass deportation?

The Amazon Cloud: DHS relies heavily on Amazon Web Services (AWS) as its primary cloud storage. In fact, Amazon has evolved from being a one-stop shop for consumers to the biggest broker of cloud storage space on the planet. By using AWS cloud storage services, DHS is able to store, sort, and share huge amounts of information used to target immigrants in its growing tech enforcement portfolio. AWS's cloud service allows ICE and DHS to:

- Collect, store, and organize a massive repository of information on immigrants, their friends and family: ICE purchases and collects unprecedented amounts of information on immigrants and the people connected with them. This includes biometric (facial, iris, etc.) and personally identifiable information collected by ICE and CBP officers, DMV data, license plate and other tracking data, utility bills, business and property data, healthcare provider information, cell phone records, location tracking social media accounts, and much more.
- Scour Regional, Local, State, and Federal Databases to build profiles to surveil, track, and ultimately deport immigrants: The Trump administration's prioritization of targeting immigrants en masse has accelerated ICE's acquisition of massive amounts of data and spurred on the enlistment of tech companies to develop solutions for data accumulation and analysis. Specifically, ICE has contracted Palantir, a tech company that has created systems to allow DHS agencies to interface with other databases, analyze all ingested data, identify connections, and produce intelligence reports. These systems also allow ICE to dangerously amplify the surveillance technology available to local law enforcement and prosecutors that is then used to target and profile people of color.
- Undermine Sanctuary City policies through unprecedented data sharing among all levels of law enforcement. AWS enables ICE and other DHS agencies to rapidly share information with local and state law enforcement, the FBI, DHS fusion centers, as well as access data from bi-lateral info-sharing agreements with Mexico and other countries.

Amazon gets richer from ICE's deportation machine by:

- Further entrenching the "cloud industrial complex" a lucrative public-private partnership between industry lobbyists, key federal legislators, tech executives, and former tech-executives-turned-government officials and vice versa. Currently, approximately 10% of the DHS's \$44B budget is dedicated to data management.
- Supporting the development of systems that allow the US government to target and punish en masse those which the Trump Administration has deemed "undesirable—immigrants, Muslims, people of color, the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated, activists, and many others.

This is why we're targeting Amazon

It's time to hold Amazon accountable for its outsized share in building the deportation machine, and demand that they stop. It won't be easy—Amazon makes billions from these contracts. But the company also depends on consumers—including millions of Latinx people—and has to worry about protecting its brand. We can force Amazon to stop helping DHS and ICE target immigrants, if enough of us call them out, stay engaged, and keep the pressure on.

For more info & the report *Who's Behind ICE: Tech Companies Fueling Deportation* go to: mijente.net/notechforice

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SUPPORT LOCAL & ETHICAL ALTERNATIVES TO AMAZON!

Let's align our spending with our values!

- > Shifting your consumer dollars away from Amazon and toward local, independent businesses strengthens our local economy and the fabric of our community.
- Local businesses tailor their products and services to the needs and preferences of our community.
- > Shopping local has a much smaller environmental footprint than shopping on Amazon with its packaging, data centers, massive logistics network of planes, trucks, and warehouses.
- Local businesses invest back into their communities, paying rent or property taxes.
- > Local businesses pay federal and state income taxes, but Amazon avoids them.

RESOURCES on QUITTING AMAZON

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