

CORPORATIONS ARE ABDUCTING OUR COMMONS • PRIVATIZING OUR POST OFFICE • STOP BUYING AT STAPLES



UNITED STATES POST OFFICE BUILDING
PROUD CORNERSTONE OF BERKELEY'S CIVIC CENTER

Why You Should Not Shop At Staples!

Not only is Postal Service management selling off historic Post Offices like ours in Berkeley and others all over the country, they are engaged in a stealth attempt to privatize the entire Postal Service workforce.

Eighty-four Staples stores have begun operating full service Post Office counters, commencing a "pilot program" for the USPS. These counters are being staffed NOT by trained Postal Employees making a living wage (\$20-\$30/hr with benefits) but with near minimum-wage Staples clerks with few or no benefits and no training in safe mail handling. One such counter is right here at the Staples store in downtown Berkeley. Up to ½ million living-wage Postal Service jobs are at stake as positions continue to be outsourced.

We the People already provide food, housing and health subsidies to much of the big box and fast food industries' work force - they can't make ends meet on such low wages. Let's not shift postal work into a private sector in which employees cannot earn a living wage.

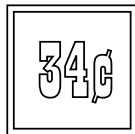
- ☛ Demand that Staples remove their Postal Service counters and cancel this pilot program in Berkeley and across the country.
- ☛ Demand that the Postal Service stop playing the privatization game, pay all those who process the mail a living wage, and maintain our historic Post Offices as the places of their employment.

As Local Area Shopper I Pledge That I will not buy anything at Staples in Berkeley or any other Staples with Post Office service until Staples stops stealing Postal Worker jobs and terminates its Post Office counter.

Name: _____ Date: _____

City of Residence: _____

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TO:

**Staples
Attention: Manager
2352 Shattuck Ave,
Berkeley, CA 94704**