Why you should join the movement against “The Polaroid of Our Times”

Massachusetts Against Hewlett Packard is a campaign that calls for municipalities, universities, and institutions in Massachusetts to end purchasing and procurement from HP Enterprise and HP Inc. until these companies end support for violence against and denial of rights to Palestinians, immigrants, and people who are or have been incarcerated in U.S. prisons.

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5:30pm

In Palestine

- Israel maintains an “ethnocratic” system of tiered citizenship, with rights and freedoms granted or withheld on a basis of ethnic and religious identity. HP Enterprise is the exclusive provider of the servers Israel uses to run its population registry. Israel uses this population registry to organize and store biometric data on everyone, thereby laying the technical framework this system of different rights and freedoms on the basis of identity.

- Israel’s military courts have a conviction rate of 99.7%, leaving Palestinians who participate in peaceful resistance with no avenue for just legal proceedings. HP Enterprise provides servers and technology used by Israel's prison system. By helping to maintain the technical side of Israel’s prison system, HPE plays a central role in undermining Palestinian resistance to injustice.

- Israel’s military oversees the occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem and the creation of over 200 “Jewish Only” settlements and outposts on Palestinian land, breaking up families and increasing violence against civilians. The Israeli Military has also created conditions of starvation and poverty in the Gaza Strip through its attacks and ongoing military blockade. HP Inc. is the exclusive provider of personal computers to the Israeli military, supporting and profiting from these abuses.

In the United States

- For years, HP Inc. and HPE provided the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with “status determination” and “criminal alien tracking” technologies. These technologies allowed DHS and ICE to expedite and streamline their program of tracking, detaining, and deporting millions of immigrants, regularly separating parent from child and sending people to political climates in which they are not safe.

- Prior to April 2017, HP Inc. and HPE operated contracts with multiple state prison systems, including one major contract to design, implement, and manage California's Strategic "Offender Management System." This technology helped facilitate violent practices against people who are incarcerated including solitary confinement, and discriminatory practices against people who have been incarcerated such as disenfranchisement from voting, public housing, public benefits, and employment.

- In April 2017, HPE handed its contracts with ICE and the California DOC to the newly formed DXC Technologies, in which HPE maintained a controlling stake. In this way, HPE obscured its involvement in oppression while still continuing to profit. Although HPE cannot unilaterally end DXC’s contracts with ICE and California DOC, HPE can use its power as a controlling interest in DXC to compel DXC to do so.
Why Start the Boycott in Cambridge?

Cambridge has a long history of leadership on issues of human rights: From blazing the trail in the fight against South African apartheid in the 1970s and 80s, from declaring itself a sanctuary for immigrants in 1985, to hanging a Black Lives Matter Banner over City Hall in 2017. With no legal obligations to continue purchasing and procuring HP Inc. or HP Enterprise products, now is the time Cambridge continue the city's tradition of standing on the side of oppressed people around the world by cutting ties with HP Inc. and HP Enterprise.

The International Movement Against HP is Working!

- More than 1.8 million people have signed a petition calling on HP to end its role in Israeli apartheid.
- The global campaign targeting HP has seen significant positive progress with HP no longer operating access control systems at Israeli checkpoints and the apartheid wall.

Join Us: Now is the Time to Increase Pressure!

- Plan to attend the hearing and vote on our resolution for Cambridge to boycott HPE and HP Inc., happening Monday April 23, 5:30pm, Cambridge City Hall – bring your friends!
- Send a link to our website (massagainsthp.org) to your friends!
- Like our Facebook (facebook.com/MassAgainstHP) & follow us on Twitter @massagainsthp!
- Reach out to us by email at massagainsthp@gmail.com so we can fill you in on the many ways you can get involved!

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4 Nearby 100% of All Military Court Cases in West Bank End in Conviction, Haaretz Learns. Haaretz. 2011


9 HP Enterprise Investigate: American Friends Service Committee.


12 Cambridge City Council Order Number 4 IN CITY COUNCIL. April 8, 1985.