

# FACEBOOK SHUTTLE DRIVERS RALLY FOR RIGHT TO UNIONIZE



Teamsters and other supporters of Facebook bus drivers protest in front of the Menlo Park headquarters for the drivers' right to unionize.

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**SAN FRANCISCO (KGO) --** Supporters of Facebook shuttle drivers showed up at the social media giant's headquarters in Menlo Park Tuesday morning demanding better pay, better work conditions, benefits and the right to unionize. The tech company's drivers weren't there themselves since they were working, but they could be blazing a path for themselves here in Silicon Valley.

Teamsters union members and their supporters collected nearly 5,000 signatures on an online petition demanding Facebook respect the rights of its bus drivers to organize a union without interference.

As they tried to drop off a giant printed version of the petition, they were stopped by police who told the protesters they would check with Facebook to see if they would let at least one of their representatives come and turn it in. In the meantime, police told the supporters to return to public property for their protest.

The teamsters say all this started when the bus drivers came to them asking for help. One of the biggest complaints was working split shifts. They claim drivers often wait six hours in