The call for demonstrations and arrests at the business location of the South African honorary consulate is for the following reasons:

1. To protest the presence in Portland of an honorary South African consulate. The mere presence, let alone the functions (encouraging trade and tourism with South Africa, dispensing information on the South African government's viewpoint, keeping tabs on and reporting to the South African government about activities of the local anti-apartheid movement) of the consulate gives legitimacy to the South African government.

   To quote Randall Robinson of TransAfrica, the organization in the forefront of the Free South Africa Movement:

   "Let the American people be clear about how uniquely vicious apartheid is. Under apartheid, the law has been made the oppressor and those seeking justice and fairness have been made outlaws. Most important, in South Africa, racism and prejudice are enshrined in the Constitution, the law of the land."

2. To demand the release of the legitimate leaders of the South African majority population (Nelson Mandela, Walter Sisulu and others) who have been languishing in prison for decades.

   To compel the start of good faith negotiations between these released leaders and the South African government, both on the grievances which prompted the most recent outbreaks of violence, as well as the ongoing denial of power-sharing to the black majority in South Africa.

3. To demand the release of all political prisoners in South Africa. Black and white people who merely speak out against the apartheid system are detained indefinitely without charge or trial, without access to family or lawyers.

4. To protest the Reagan administration's accommodationist policy of "constructive engagement" toward the Republic of South Africa.

5. To call for economic sanctions against South Africa. Even though it is against the law in South Africa to support economic restrictions of any kind, a majority of legitimate black leaders, including Bishop Tutu, support economic pressure against the minority government.

6. To call for a halt to all sales of the South African Krugerrand.