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UFCW LOCAL 7 PREPARES TO WORK WITH NEW AND INCUMBENT LOCAL AND NATIONAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AFTER TURNING OUT TO VOTE IN HISTORIC NUMBERS

The 2020 Election Cycle Broke Records for UFCW Local 7 in Number of Union Members Voting, Beating National Average by 16 Points, and an Effective Get Out the Vote Campaign that Turned Out an Unprecedented Number of Coloradoan Voters

DENVER – The United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) Local 7 seeks to work with elected officials up and down the ballot to protect workers’ rights, wages and benefits, and ensure safety. At 82% voter turnout, UFCW Local 7’s membership showed up at record numbers at the polls, 16% higher than the [national average](#) of 66%, and 3% higher than Colorado’s astounding 79% turnout. Local 7 staff and members volunteered their time ensuring that all Coloradoans could participate in the election as well, registering almost 4,000 voters, making 40,000 phone calls, and sending almost 3,000 pieces of mail to get out the vote.

Kim Cordova, Vice President of UFCW International and President of UFCW Local 7, which represents more than 27,000 workers in Colorado and Wyoming, more than 22,000 of which are deemed essential workers, issued the following statement:

“Local 7 is proud to have used our voice in unprecedented numbers in the 2020 election, with 82% of our members voting this cycle. Our members also volunteered their time during a pandemic that has disproportionately affected them as essential workers to ensure that the concerns of working families were heard. Almost 700 of our members have contracted COVID-19 and we have lost nine brothers and sisters to this horrific pandemic.

“Now it is time to make sure that our newly elected officials and incumbents at every level of government follow through on their campaign promises to protect American workers during this worsening pandemic, expand and invest in the Affordable Care Act, pass comprehensive immigration reform, and deal with systemic racism across our country’s institutions. These issues are paramount for American workers and their families as they continue to ensure that the country is running, protect the country’s food supply chain, and take care of patients in medical facilities during this pandemic. We hope to see our allies in the State House, State Senate, US House, US Senate, and the White House stand up for us the same way we stood up for them.”

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[Local 7](#), the largest Union in Colorado is affiliated with United Food and Commercial Workers International Union which represents over 1.3 million workers in the United States and Canada, and is one of the largest private sector Unions in North America. UFCW members work in a wide range of industries, including retail food, food processing, agriculture, retail sales, and health care.

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