



## **\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\***

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### **WEDNESDAY: UFCW LOCAL 7 & COLORADANS FOR THE COMMON GOOD CALL ON GROCERY COMPANIES TO PROTECT COLORADO'S ESSENTIAL WORKERS AND COMMUNITIES**

*UFCW Local 7 Members and Community Faith Leaders Ask Company Executives to Step Up Protections For Grocery Workers As They Risk Their Health To Feed Colorado's Families*

**DENVER** – [The United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 7](#) (UFCW 7) and community organization [Coloradans for the Common Good](#) (CCG) will hold a Zoom press conference on **Wednesday, December 16 at 9:45 AM MT**, to call for Kroger and Albertsons-Safeway to ensure safer working conditions for workers and to reinstate the \$2/hr. Hazard Pay for essential grocery workers, which was taken away on May 17, 2020.

Coloradans for the Common Good, a nonpartisan, broad-based organization of congregations, unions, and civic groups, sent letters on December 3rd to [Albertsons/Safeway Stores, Inc.](#) and [King Soopers/City Market Inc.](#)'s regional executive leadership asking for a meeting to discuss the risks grocery store workers and customers face as COVID-19 surges again across Colorado. CCG leaders expressed concern for the Essential Workers' safety and the need to have a conversation about how these employers can better protect and compensate essential grocery store workers for their valiant efforts keeping stores operating so communities can have access to food.

"We're all in this together is a recurring theme these days," said Marilyn Winokur, co-chair of Coloradans for the Common Good. "It is our hope that profitable corporations can live up to those aspirational words."

### **WHO:**

- Rev. John Anderson, [Pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church](#)
- Rev. Reagan Humber, [Pastor at House for All Sinners & Saints](#)
- Melissa McCollister, Political Liaison for [UFCW Local 7](#)
- Nicole Trujillo, Sister of UFCW Local 7 Randy Navaerz, 30-year employee King Soopers in Denver and [died of COVID-19](#)
- UFCW Local 7 Grocery Workers from King Soopers and Safeway in Colorado

**WHAT:** Press Conference on Essential Grocery Workers Safety

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 9:45 AM MT

**WHERE:** RSVP [HERE](#) FOR ZOOM LINK

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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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[Coloradans for the Common Good](#) is a broad-based organization, affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation, and comprises congregations, unions, and civic groups along the Front Range acting together for the common good.