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UFCW LOCAL 7 KING SOOPERS TO SECURE VOTES FOR A POTENTIAL STRIKE

UFCW Local 7 Members Will Vote to Strike Against King Soopers For The Store's Unfair Labor Practices

DENVER – Today, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 7 King Soopers employees will begin a pre-authorization strike process following the company's egregious and unrelenting unfair labor practices. A strike vote, which will be closed to the press, will take place at 9am, 1pm and 7pm this Sunday, January 2 in Denver and Monday, January 3 in Colorado Springs, concerning these unfair labor practices.

The pre-authorization strike vote comes in the middle of a tumultuous bargaining process where King Soopers continues to go around the Union hiring outside workers at a higher rate, prohibiting Union activity, attempting to bargain directly with workers instead of the Union, and imposing unfair wage changes. UFCW Local 7 [filed suit](#) against King Soopers yesterday for some of the changes being made. Moreover, at the table, King Soopers has failed to agree to important changes to wages, health care, and safety. The Company's proposals would result in serious funding issues for workers' health care plan, and cause significant benefit cuts.

Kim Cordova, Vice President of UFCW International and President of UFCW Local 7 in Colorado and Wyoming, which represents approximately 17,000 Essential Grocery workers from Kroger/King Soopers, issued the following statement:

"It's unfortunate that instead of working directly with Local 7, King Soopers has opted to make unfair, unilateral changes to its policies with no regard to what is being discussed currently at the bargaining table. These significant policy changes disrespect our workers and undermine their voices. We have no choice but to enter this pre-strike vote. We need to make sure King Soopers and its leadership fully comprehend the importance of respecting, protecting, and paying essential grocery workers what they deserve, which is what we will continue to fight for."

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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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