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UFCW LOCAL 7 PRESIDENT KIM CORDOVA STATEMENT ON TODAY'S NEGOTIATIONS

DENVER – Kim Cordova, President of UFCW Local 7, which represents approximately 17,000 Essential Grocery workers from Kroger/King Soopers, issued the following statement:

“After days of striking and repeatedly asking King Soopers to listen to the voices of the employees and cease the Company’s unfair labor practices, UFCW Local 7 members met with King Soopers leadership today to continue discussions on a new collective bargaining agreement. Unfortunately, after just 68 minutes of across the table discussion spread throughout the day, during which King Soopers did not present a single proposal, while the Union presented new offers on twelve (12) different topics covering the parties’ competing proposals, discussions ended for the day.

“The Essential Workers, who have put their lives at risk throughout this pandemic to feed the Colorado community, have stood on the picket lines this week, lifting their voices together to protest the unfair labor practices at King Scoopers/Kroger. Our voices have fallen on deaf ears.

“The offer King Soopers has on the table for workers today is even worse than it was in the days before the strike, ignoring virtually all of the proposals presented by workers, with no new economic gains – and even omitting the \$4,000 sell-out bonuses which King Soopers had previously offered workers in order to get them to accept a concessionary contract.

“King Soopers’ latest proposal contains numerous poison pill provisions, one of which would make wage rates proposed by the Company worth less than the paper they are printed on. Under this proposal, workers could forfeit daily overtime pay and are some are looking at wage **cuts** of up to \$3.34 per hour.

“King Soopers’ leadership has been aware of the struggles of their essential workers for years. Last night, [More Perfect Union](#) released parts of an internal King Soopers’ presentation that showed the abject poverty our members are living in, often without a place to sleep or food to eat. So, it comes as no shock that once again, King Soopers decided to do nothing.

“Our strike against the unfair labor practices from King Soopers will continue until the Company comes to the table in good faith and listens to the voices of workers. We remain hopeful that the Company will truly see and hear our members and decide to finally respect us, protect us, and pay us what we deserve.”

Negotiations are set to continue tomorrow.

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[Local 7](#) is the largest private-sector Union in Colorado and Wyoming. It is affiliated with the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union which represents over 1.3 million workers in the United States and Canada, 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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