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## **UFCW LOCAL 7 UPDATE ON BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS WITH KING SOOPERS**

*UFCW Local 7 Will Return to the Bargaining Table on Monday Afternoon to Push for Fair Wages for Essential Grocery Store Workers; Picket Lines to Stay*

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

“After three consecutive days of negotiations, we have yet to reach an agreement that meets the demands of our members. The Company refuses to address the skyrocketing costs of living and [documented food insecurity](#) in Colorado by not paying Essential Grocery workers a living wage they deserve. For months, workers have demanded the Company take their proposals seriously and have been met with deafening silence.

“Even after workers voted almost unanimously to walk off the job in response to King Soopers’ unfair labor practices, the Company has still failed to take our demands seriously. A new agreement must ensure a safe place to work, which also means a safe place to shop.

“The Union is prepared to resume negotiations with the Company tomorrow afternoon, January 17, at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. Negotiations will be closed to the press. We continue to negotiate with the Company in good faith for what our members deserve: an industry leading contract.

“Our picket lines remain strong. Our members will continue to raise their voices and the strike will continue throughout the bargaining process. We remain committed to honoring our Local 7 members and Essential Grocery Store Workers across the country by ensuring they have the wages they need to support their families. Thank you to all who stand in solidarity with us throughout this process.”

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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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