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## **UFCW LOCAL 7 KING SOOPERS EMPLOYEES VOTE TO STRIKE IN DENVER, BOULDER**

*UFCW Local 7 Members Voted to Strike Against King Soopers Over The Company's Unfair Labor Practices*

**DENVER** – Yesterday, in Denver, the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 7 King Soopers employees voted [overwhelmingly](#) to strike as a result of the Company's campaign of unfair labor practices, which have been undertaken in an effort to prevent workers from securing a new contract advancing wages, health, and retirement benefits, and ensuring a safe place for employees to work and customers to shop. The vote to authorize a strike for unfair labor practices resulted in 98% of Denver Retail workers, 97% of Denver Meat workers, 100% of Boulder Meat workers, 100% of Broomfield Meat and retail workers, and 100% of Parker Meat workers.

The strike vote comes in the middle of a critical bargaining process with King Soopers and following unfair labor practices from the Company. UFCW Local 7 [filed suit](#) against King Soopers last week for breach of contract over vendors in the stores.

**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:**

“King Soopers and its leadership continue to neglect and ignore the voices of the Union and its employees. The results of the Unfair Labor Strike from January 2 are in. Denver employees have overwhelmingly voted to strike. Today, there will be voting in Colorado Springs, where we can expect very similar results. The Company must cease these unrelenting and illegal tactics. King Soopers and City Market have missed a golden opportunity to show workers and customers that as the industry leader, they want to make their stores the best places to work in Colorado. Local 7 will not rest until we secure a contract that respects, protects, and pays these essential grocery workers.”

Workers are not yet on strike and will remain at work at least through the end of their current agreement, which expires at 11:59 pm on Saturday, January 8.

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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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