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## **UFCW LOCAL 7 KING SOOPERS EMPLOYEES TO STRIKE ON JANUARY 12**

*UFCW Local 7 Members Strike Against King Soopers Over Grocer's Unfair Labor Practices*

**DENVER** – Today, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 7 announced that after months at the negotiating table with King Soopers, its members will begin to strike at 5:00 a.m. on January 12, 2022. UFCW 7 has decided to strike for three weeks until February 2, 2022.

Earlier this week, UFCW Local 7 members in [Denver and Colorado Springs](#) voted [overwhelmingly](#) to authorize the strike given the Company's campaign of unfair labor practices. King Soopers has been doing everything in its power to prevent workers from securing a new industry-leading contract. UFCW Local 7 also [filed suit](#) against King Soopers for breaking the current collective bargaining agreement by using third-party staffing services to hire workers in its stores.

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

"UFCW Local 7 members who work at King Soopers have had enough of the Company's unfair labor practices and will strike starting January 12. This is a direct result of the Company's bad faith at the bargaining table.

"King Soopers is enjoying record profits while leaving its workers to struggle with low wages. Grocery workers ensure that our communities have access to food, but they cannot even afford to feed their own families. This is grossly unfair. King Soopers has chosen to enrich its bottom line, instead of protecting workers who have risked their lives on the front lines.

"Our plea remains the same: Stop these unfair labor practices, and respect us, protect us and pay us what we deserve. UFCW Local 7 members will remain on strike until the company agrees to cease these unfair labor practices and comes to the negotiating table in good faith. During this strike, we ask for the support of our community. We are grateful for all the overwhelming support received and for the individuals, union partners, organizations that will be coming to Colorado to support our efforts and fight. We will continue to be relentless in the fight for our members."

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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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