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UFCW LOCAL 7 KING SOOPERS WORKERS TO STRIKE

UFCW Local 7 Members Will Strike Against King Soopers for The Company's Unfair Labor Practices

DENVER – Today, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 7 announced they intend to call for a strike against King Soopers.

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

“After repeated attempts to bring about an end to King Soopers’ unfair labor practices, which have sought to prevent grocery workers from securing an industry-leading contract, King Soopers has left us with no choice but to call for an unfair labor practice strike. The Company has tried to prevent the workers from standing together with each other in the stores, refused to produce information critical to these negotiations, and failed to bargain in good faith with the Union.

“Over the past few months, we have repeatedly pleaded for the Company to listen to the voices of the workers. And yet, King Soopers has refused to recognize our suffering. The Company continues to bring in record profits, while its workforce endures low wages amid a skyrocketing cost of living. Grocery workers ensure that our communities have access to food, but they cannot even afford to feed their own families. King Soopers has chosen to protect its bottom line, instead of protecting workers who have risked their lives every day since the start of this pandemic just by showing up to work.

“Our plea is this: Stop these unfair labor practices, and respect us, protect us, and pay us what we deserve. King Soopers refuses to listen. So now we must strike for the rights of all workers. We ask for the support of the community. It is time for us to join with our brothers and sisters across the nation who have said with one voice that the status quo will not stand and that workers will be respected, protected, and paid what they deserve.

“We will announce a strike date in the coming days.”

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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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