

Grocery Workers at UFCW Locals 21 and 367 Continue Fight for a Good Contract



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UFCW Locals 21, 367, and Teamsters Local 38 continue to stand together and send a strong message of solidarity to Fred Meyer, Safeway, QFC, and Albertsons. They voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike in the latest step in their fight for fair treatment, pay, and benefits. Contract negotiations will continue on October 10 and 11. Workers say they now expect the chains to come to the table with a set of serious proposals.

Workers have been in contract negotiations since March. Fred Meyer, Safeway, QFC, and Albertsons have continued to stick to proposals that would stop providing healthcare coverage for employees working fewer than 30 hours a week, deny workers paid sick days, and cut pay - including for those who work on holidays.

Members can show their support for grocery workers and stay updated on upcoming contract negotiations by visiting <http://standwithourcheckers.com/>. Workers also recorded a radio ad that will be running this week as bargaining continues. The ad can be heard at <http://www.ufcw21.org/>. **OP**

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The new contract includes wage increases along with paid holidays and vacation. Workers will also have a structured system in place for job advancement. **OP**

UFCW Local 540 Tyson Workers Ratify New Contract

More than 350 UFCW Local 540 Tyson workers recently ratified a new five-year contract. The contract includes a \$1.10 per hour wage increase over the course of the contract, improvements in vacation policies, and modifications for bereavement leave.

The Tyson prepared foods plant is located in North Richland Hills, Texas, where members make prepared foods such as pepperoni and chicken fajita strips. **OP**

UFCW Locals Stand Together Across the Country to Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform

On October 5th, UFCW members marched, rallied, and held actions across the nation calling on Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform that protects the rights of immigrants, keeps families together, and creates a path to citizenship for aspiring Americans.

The Senate passed comprehensive immigration reform in June, but so far the House has refused to act. The nationwide actions on October 5th were held to pressure Congress to pass reform and led up to today's massive rally in Washington, D.C.

This afternoon, tens of thousands of people marched from the National Mall to the U.S. Capitol to demand a vote on immigration reform with a path to citizenship. Four UFCW activists were among those prepared to be arrested for acts of civil disobedience.

Members can visit <http://www.ufwaction.org/immigration/> for updates on today's actions and more information on the push for comprehensive immigration reform. **OP**



Members of UFCW Local 7 participate in an immigration reform rally held in Denver, Colorado.



UFCW Local 5 members and their families march to protect the rights of working immigrants and families in San Jose, California.



UFCW locals in Los Angeles area march with UFCW United Latinos in support of comprehensive immigration reform.



UFCW Local 75 members and community allies gathered for a march at Speaker John Boehner's office in Springfield, Ohio, calling for immigration reform.