



2011 Negotiations Update UFCW Local 5 Northern California

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Negotiations Start up Again Monday and Tuesday October 24 and 25

The bargaining parties, UFCW Locals 5, 8 and 648 and Raleys, Safeway and Save Mart will be hitting the negotiations table again to work on a new collective bargaining agreement for Northern California grocery workers. Although the contract being discussed applies to the above mentioned employers it will set a basis for talks in chains and independents where other union members work. It will even impact the non-union sector in terms of wages and working conditions.

The unions expect a response from the employers to the comprehensive set of proposals submitted last week. It is the position of the unions that non-economic or "language" items like full time positions be acted on prior to economic considerations like wages and health and welfare. Traditionally non-economic items have been handled prior to hashing out the thornier economic or "money" issues. The other large economic item, pension, is resolved due to earlier agreement on the rehabilitation plan.

There is Strength in Unity

Local 5 campaign buttons and stickers, conveying the themes "strength" and "unity," are available through your stewards, reps and local 5 offices. Button up or sticker up and move the contract forward!

Additional Bargaining Notes

Andronicos members vote this week on a contract with new owner Renovo Capital. Due to the member's efforts, it is anticipated a stronger company will emerge from bankruptcy.

