



# Holding the Line

Strike Update  
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## Workers Rally From Coast to Coast

### Weekend Rallies in Bay Area, Orange County, Washington DC

Workers have now extended picket lines to Safeway stores across the Bay Area, as well as to 21 stores in the Washington DC area. The kickoff of the East Coast picket lines included a mass rally with workers from Southern California, Washington DC, UFCW Executive Vice President Marc Perrone, and AFL-CIO President John Sweeney.

On the West Coast, simultaneous rallies in Oakland and Fullerton brought thousands of workers and supporters together, marching on Safeway and Albertsons stores.



*Workers from Southern California gathered in Oakland with Northern California supporters to hold the line for health care and ask customers to not shop Safeway.*





# Teamsters Help Hold the Line

## Picket Lines Extended to Warehouses

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The Teamsters are helping hold the line for health care, stopping deliveries to Vons, Albertsons, and Ralphs. As of Monday at noon, picket lines will be extended to the warehouses that serve the three grocery chains in Southern California.

# Giving Thanks

## Donations Bring Holiday Cheer to Strikers

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In Los Angeles, the “Turkey Express,” a bus carrying labor leaders, local politicians, and community leaders delivered pumpkin pie, hot cider, and gift certificates for free turkeys to the grocery workers on the picket line at 6 stores over the weekend. The event featured Miguel Contreras, Exec. Secretary-Treasurer, L.A. County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO; Congressman Adam Schiff, and Assemblywoman Cindy Montañez.

Thirteen thousand Thanksgiving turkeys were handed out free of charge to striking and locked-out workers throughout Saturday and Sunday in Orange County.

# Safeway's Legal Troubles

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Two pension funds are suing Safeway, alleging the company has been decimated by rampant conflicts of interest, managerial bungling, deceit and greed.

The civil complaints, filed Thursday and Friday in San Mateo County Superior Court, are being pursued by the Pinellas Park General Employees' Pension Fund and the Pompano Beach Police & Firefighters Retirement System.

Three customers also filed a lawsuit Thursday, alleging Albertsons Ralphs, and Vons are engaging in unfair competition. The suit seeks unspecified damages and a court order to stop the companies from sharing revenues during the strike.