



Holding the Line

Strike Update
Issue #4

Unanimous Support

Pomona City Council Passes Resolution Backing Strikers

On October 20, 2003, the city of Pomona took action on behalf of striking and locked-out supermarket workers. A resolution passed by the City Council acknowledged that the UFCW's actions are in accordance with the collective bargaining process and that the proposed contract by Southern California UFCW employers slashes employee health benefits in half.

The Pomona City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution—showing their full support for union members. Council members encouraged NO

reduction in the current health care package and requesting both parties to return to the bargaining table in order to reach a fair and equitable solution for the entire community.

The Council meeting was attended by UFCW Local 1428 members and leaders, representatives from other supporting unions and local community members.



(Top) Local 1428 members cheer at the passage of a Pomona City Council resolution supporting striking workers. (Bottom) Workers and community supporters attended a candlelight vigil after the City Council Meeting.



From the Picket Line

From Sandy Samoville, Secretary at UFCW Local 588:

Just wanted to let you know that at Albertsons in Isla Vista/Goleta, my son is there with his food cart today feeding the picketers. He's doing it for free because he lives there and thought they could use some support. I told him that free food is usually a good idea. He has recently gotten into the hot dog/Corn-on-a-stick vendor business and is supportive of the strike.

My daughter is working in Santa Fe Springs right now and visited the picketers last night at Albertsons. She brought them doughnuts and talked to them about how they are doing. She wanted them to know that she was supportive of their cause and stayed with them on the line for a while.

Orange County Health Department Investigates Ralphs Markets' Alleged Illegal Meat Shipping

The Orange County Health Department is investigating two Ralphs stores for allegedly cutting and shipping meat illegally to other stores. Witnesses say that the meat, which Health Department regulations stipulate can only be sold in the store it is cut in, was being shipped in un-refrigerated trucks and vans in temperatures that have exceeded triple digits.

Make sure to caution any Ralphs customers to be extremely careful about purchasing perishables that are being handled by scab workers.

The stores being investigated by the Orange County Health Department are:

Ralphs 116
2030 East Linden Avenue
Anaheim

Ralphs 733
9091 Garfield
Fountain Valley

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log on to www.saveourhealthcare.org
for more information.**