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Northern California Grocery Contract Extended Through December 15

Negotiators for UFCW Locals 5, 8 and 648 have announced that the grocery contract has been extended through December 15.

Issues involved in bargaining, including health benefits and the encroachment of non-union, low wage, non-benefit providing employers into the Northern California region have complicated the bargaining process.

The unions have taken the position from the outset of the talks that non-economic/job security issues should come before hashing out difficult benefit issues. The employers disagree.

Union Prepared to Submit Nob Hill Proposals

Members at Nob Hill Foods will now be direct participants in the talks. In the past Nob Hill has been considered an "independent" and the contract there was negotiated after the "chains." Given Raleys ownership of Nob Hill and the company's aggressive stance at the bargaining table, it makes sense to roll Nob Hill issues into the general bargaining," explained Local 5 president Ron Lind. Local 5 will submit initial proposals at the next session.

Rank and Filers Hit the Table

This week members from Safeway (Carol Sturholm, Oakland and Charlene CeCe, Felton) and Lucky (Bill Rosario, Pacifica and Frank Tallerico, San Jose) made their presence felt at the bargaining table. They did a great job and will be back.

Stay Connected!

The local has put together several options for you to keep up on negotiations and union business. The website (www.ufcw5.org), our smartphone apps, text updates, email updates and social media (Facebook) are all available to members of local 5. See the website for more information.

