



2011 Negotiations Update UFCW Local 5 Northern California

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Southern California Negotiations Impact Talks in North

Local 5 President Ron Lind recently announced that Northern California grocery talks have begun to be effected by the slow pace of progress in Southern California toward a resolution to there.

Local 5 contacted Safeway, Lucky/Savemart and Raleys to begin negotiations for a contract this month. Safeway responded first and declined to meet pending resolution in SoCal. Raleys answered positively to kick off talks and Savemart has been noncommittal due to a shake up in their labor relations department.

With two of the three major employers unable to get on the same page regarding talks it makes sense to continue to prepare for bargaining knowing that meetings will be delayed for an unknown period of time.

Status of Southern California Talks

Southern California locals concluded revoting their members for strike authorization August 21. The result was over 90% to OK a strike. The union and companies have since returned to the table.

In order for Northern California talks to commence it is more important than ever that we support our brothers and sisters down south. Please keep up with developments on the website and the union's Facebook page.