



Seasons Supermarket Workers Join UFCW Local 342



On Sunday, August 7, more than 20 employees working as meatcutters in the Seasons Supermarkets in Scarsdale and New York, N.Y., voted unanimously to stand together for a real voice at work with Local 342. This National Labor Relations Board election marks the first time any workers at these kosher supermarkets have been able to form a union.

The workers held together to form their union despite a concerted anti-union campaign by their employer. Workers were seeking respect at work and better conditions and benefits.



“To have an opportunity to achieve better wages, benefits, medical coverage, and job protections through a union contract is more than we could ever ask for,” said Eddie Klauberg, a 14 year veteran of the Scarsdale location. “We look forward to the new found power we will have in the workplace by becoming part of Local 342.” **OP**

UFCW Locals 175 and 1977 Merge to Become Stronger

Members of Locals 175 and 1977, based in Mississauga and Cambridge, Ontario, respectively, have voted to approve a merger of the two locals into Local 175, which will now be 60,000 members strong.

The merger follows a solidarity pact and a history of co-ordinated actions between the two locals. The new local is Canada’s largest local union. To commemorate the occasion, the locals produced a video on their history which can be viewed at www.youtube.com/ufcwlocals175633 (click on History, Part 1). **OP**

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UFCW members and locals across the country are joining together and signing up for the latest updates on anti-worker legislation and the fight against corporate greed, and now it’s even easier than ever.

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But the quickest way to find out the latest news for workers across the country is to text ‘UPDATE’ to 90975 and we’ll keep you in the loop as it happens. **OP**



UFCW Local 1189 Joins Kowalski's Workers to Keep Good Jobs in Twin Cities Area

On August 17, Local 1189, St. Paul area grocery workers and other allies will rally to support workers at Kowalski's Markets. Kowalski's hard working employees have helped to make the family-owned company a success in the Twin Cities area, but instead of sharing their success with their employees, the Kowalski family is attempting to freeze employee wages and eliminate the hard earned benefit of a multiemployer retirement plan.

The Kowalski family's plan to add minimum wage jobs, freeze wages for those who can least afford it and cut retirement benefits will make it harder for workers at Kowalski's to support themselves and their families. This plan will also set a dangerous example for other St. Paul retail supermarket employers who are still negotiating a new contract with their employees. For more information about the rally to support Kowalski's workers, please visit www.ufcw1189.org. **OP**



UFCW Locals Join Verizon Workers in Fight for Middle Class Jobs

Despite making \$19.5 billion in profits and paying out \$258 million to its top five executives in the last four years, Verizon wants to take back more than 50 years of collective bargaining and destroy middle class jobs. To stand up for their families and the future of the American middle class, more than 45,000 members of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) have gone out on strike.

Verizon has refused to move from a long list of nearly 100 concession demands. CWA and IBEW have taken the unprecedented step of striking until Verizon stops its Wisconsin-style tactics and starts bargaining seriously, and UFCW locals are joining the fight.

Across the country, UFCW locals are joining with their CWA and IBEW labor family on picket lines and in their neighborhoods. UFCW locals can adopt a Verizon store to picket in their area to let customers know about the strike and Verizon's corporate greed.

To adopt a store or to join the fight online visit www.cwa-union.org/verizon. **OP**