



FDC helps workers win organizing campaign at Alta Dena's City of Industry plant

Southern California dairy industry now 100 percent union

Food and Drug Council President Paul A. Kenny congratulated 360 drivers and warehouse distribution workers at Alta Dena's City of Industry plant on the successful ratification of their first-ever union contract.

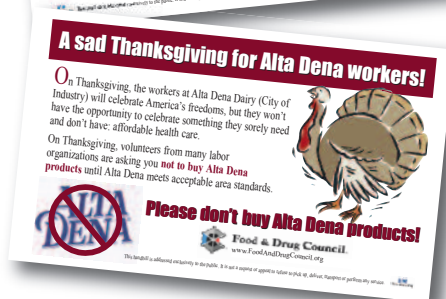
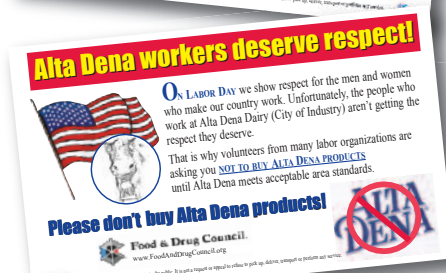
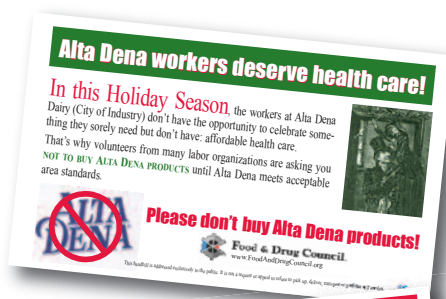
The overwhelming vote culminated a five-year effort by the Food and Drug Council to organize the workers (see handbills at right).

"Now, for the first time, the major dairies in Southern California are 100 percent unionized," Kenny said. "This was made possible because of the tremendous support of many allied unions through the Food and Drug Council.

"We thank the affiliates of the Food and Drug Council and the many supporters for their ongoing commitment to these workers in the spirit of union solidarity," Kenny continued.



Above, FDC President Paul A. Kenny at the Alta Dena bargaining table.



FDC activists distributed these handbills outside Bristol Farms stores on every major holiday for two years.

"This is a historic moment for our organization, both regionally and nationally, at a time when unions are under brutal attack across the country."

"The democratic process worked," Kenny said. "The workers at Alta Dena understand that people who belong to a union earn higher wages and get better health and pension benefits than non-union workers. They will live better because they now work union."

For their support in this campaign, the FDC wishes to thank:

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