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James Hoffa applauds Teamsters Local 630 and FDC on union victory at Alta Dena plant

Southern California's major dairies now one hundred percent union

Teamsters International President James P. Hoffa joined the Food and Drug Council in congratulating 360 drivers and warehouse distribution workers at Alta Dena's City of Industry plant following their vote, in an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board, to approve representation by Los Angeles Teamsters Local 630.

The overwhelming vote culminated a five-year effort by Local 630, with support by the Food and Drug Council, to organize the workers.

Hoffa met with the workers and Teamsters Local 630 leaders one week before the vote.

President of the Food and Drug Council Paul A. Kenny, who also serves as Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 630, said:

"Now, for the first time, the major dairies in Southern California will be one hundred percent unionized. This was made possible because of the tremendous support of many allied unions through the Food and Drug Council, as well as James P. Hoffa, the General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; Randy



Above: Teamsters International President James P. Hoffa greets Alta Dena workers before they voted to join the union.

Right: Hoffa in front of his name on the FDC Big Rig with FDC President Paul A. Kenny.



Cammack, International Vice President and President of Teamsters Joint Council 42; Rick Middleton, International Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local Union 572, and Mike Bergen, Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local Union 166 and FDC Recorder.

"We thank the forty-five affiliates of the Food and Drug Council for their commitment to these workers in the spirit of union solidarity," Kenny

continued.

"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 work union."

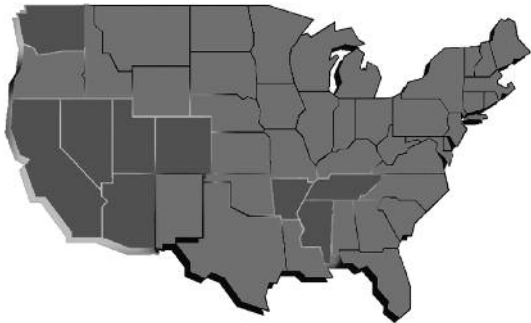


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We believe the right to collectively bargain enhances human dignity.

We salute Wisconsin's public employees in their struggle to maintain these rights.



The Food & Drug Council's 45 affiliated national, regional and local organizations represent 375,000 working men and women in the food and drug industries in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Mississippi, Nevada, Tennessee, Utah and Washington State.



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FDC pledges solidarity with Madison protesters in full-page ad

On Feb. 25, as thousands of pro-union activists poured into Madison, Wisc., to protest Gov. Scott Walker's attempt to strip state employees of their bargaining rights, the Food & Drug Council placed this full-page advertisement on page 11 of the *Wisconsin State Journal*.

The pledge of solidarity was seen by many of the demonstrators, as well as hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin's citizens and their representatives in state government.

"This isn't an issue of pay or benefit cuts," FDC President Paul Kenny said. "This is an issue of blatant union-busting."

"Corporate puppets like Gov. Walker want to take away the bargaining rights that give working families a decent living. They want to use unions as a scapegoat for their budget problems."

"As union members, we will not, in good conscience, stand by and let workers' rights be trampled," Kenny continued.

"This is a fight for American Labor, not just state employees in the Midwest."