Union prepares for possible strike at Raley's

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Raley's unionized workforce today began preparing for a possible strike against the West Sacramento supermarket chain.

The United Food and Commercial Workers announced early today that Raley's refused to extend its contracts and was preparing to give workers its "last, best and final offer."

The presidents of UFCW Locals 8 and 5, representing thousands of workers in greater Sacramento and across Northern California, said they would schedule meetings with membership to decide whether to authorize a strike.

It would be the first strike in Raley's history. The company wasn't immediately available for comment.

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