



# Resolution

Whereas, the dispute between the Retail Clerks Union and the Food Employers' Council has resulted in the closing of more than 1000 food markets in the Los Angeles County area, and 37 cities affected and

Whereas, this has disrupted the normal sources of food supply for several million citizens, and

Whereas, more than 20,000 clerks, butchers, and other employees are idle because of this dispute, which is causing a loss of more than a quarter of a million dollars in wages every day, and

Whereas, some local dairies supplying closed markets have been forced to cut down their daily output from as much as 50% to 80%—a situation which has hurt the farmers and has resulted in a chain of economic dislocations in the normal production and supply of this product so vital to the maintenance of the health of our communities, and

Whereas, housewives have been obliged to stand in long lines—both day and night—to obtain the groceries their families need, only to sometimes discover that the supplies of items on their lists are exhausted by the time they gain entry to open stores, and

Whereas, it takes two parties to make peace, just as it takes two parties to create dispute;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Council of the City of Los Angeles appeal to both sides to immediately settle their differences or select an impartial arbitrator to settle their differences for the benefit of millions of citizens and in the meantime re-open the stores.

## In the Public Interest...

# The City Council Acts in the FOOD STRIKE

**FOOD EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC.**  
1200 WEST SIXTH STREET LOS ANGELES 17, CALIFORNIA  
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January 16, 1959

Mr. Joseph T. DeSilva, Spokesman  
Retail Clerks Joint Council  
of Southern California  
5955 Hollywood Boulevard  
Hollywood 28, California

Dear Mr. DeSilva:

We note that the Los Angeles City Council has added its voice to the groups and agencies seeking an end to the strike through arbitration. Yesterday we wrote, proposing arbitration of the matters in dispute.

Various public agencies and many citizens of our community are pressing us to continue our efforts toward arbitration.

Therefore, we propose the following plan for bringing an end to our dispute:

1. A no-strike pledge by the union until agreement is reached;
2. A reopening of the markets;
3. Resumption of intensive, good faith negotiations, with the assistance of the State Conciliation Service, for a specified period of time;
4. Referral of all unresolved matters to arbitration if attempts to negotiate settlement during the specified period of time have not resulted in complete agreement.

Very truly yours,  
FOOD EMPLOYERS COUNCIL, INC.

*Robert K. Fox*  
Robert K. Fox, President  
on behalf of Food Employers Council, Food Giant Markets, Inc., Fox Markets, Inc. Mayfair Markets, Harbor Area Employers Council, and other employers.

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Resolution by

*Charles O. Baker*  
Councilman 2nd District.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held January 16, 1959.



Seconded by

*Earl L. Gundberg*  
Councilman 11th District.

*Nathan Patterson*  
City Clerk.

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## The Employers Offer a Plan to Reopen the Markets

# THE UNION SAYS "NO"!

**RETAIL FOOD STORES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**  
(The above advertisement is presented as a public service by the Retail Food Stores of Southern California employing 85 per cent of all members of the Retail Clerks Union)