

Anderson, I know the article to the right will not be easy to read. However, it is readable. We need to keep deceitful people such as these union representatives honest. Most of the members of this union see very little in the form of increased wages. Their pensions and benefits were reduced during the last contract settlement. New hires will see lower wages and hardly any benefits at all until they have been on the job for a couple of years. And yet these new hires still have to pay union dues in order to be employed!

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'Carry the Torch Proudly!'

A Message from Steve Goff on His Retirement

To the Members of the Great UPCIW 8-Golden State

I'm writing to you from the coast of Washington state, where my wife, Janet, and I are having a house. Through my window I see a spectacular mountain and forest landscape. This is God's country. It will be a great retirement.

So, why am I troubled in mind of you and the other members of UPCIW 8-Golden State? My recent retirement began over 40 years in service to the food industry with one Union. From 1990 I served as West Division Coordinator and as a Vice President of UPCIW 8 and UPCIW 9. Throughout those years I worked hard to achieve a better standard of living for my Union sisters and brothers.

That's a sacred name, and while it is no longer my profession, it continues to be my passion.

Fortunately, in Fremont, Jacques Luvell, Secretary-Treasurer, Michael Torrey, the executive staff and the fine District Union Representatives of UPCIW 8, you have great leaders in place to help you through the crucial struggles and triumphs that lie ahead. I have faith in that Union and its leadership. So should you. For all of his extraordinary intelligence, his knowledge, and his dedication to your welfare, Jacques needs your help and your support as he works tirelessly to protect and enhance your wages, benefits and working conditions.

It takes a powerful institution like UPCIW 8, with its various parts working in harmony, to fight successfully for your rights and your dreams.

Our Union is a huge part of my life. I am proud to have worked with all kinds of the membership, from "grocery" producers to "food" producers to drug store workers to supermarket clerks. This pride will stay with me for the rest of my days.

I urge our members to stand in the prime. Step forward and participate in the great work of your Union.

Carry the torch proudly.

Yours in solidarity,

Steve Goff

Steve Goff retired in December after serving the Union with distinction, most recently as West Division Coordinator. Steve has been all of the voices of UPCIW 8: strong, fair, knowledgeable and a passion for serving the interests of working women and men. He will all this working with his.

Jacques Luvell



From: Frank S. Nordby
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April 30, 2007

Dear Anderson Cooper,

I heard recently that Anderson Cooper is "keeping them honest." I just love that concept because there are hundreds of thousands of UFCW members in this country who need somebody like you to keep the leaders and the representatives of these Unions honest. Many UFCW Unions across this country are being operated by dishonest and greedy individuals, who have shown by their actions, absolutely no concern for their hard working dues paying members.

If you are wondering why there aren't Government agencies that would do a better job "keeping them honest," well the answer is those Government agencies are also being operated by dishonest individuals. The U.S. Department of Labor is just a joke. Unions throughout America don't have to answer to anybody. They have used their members money to buy friends in the news media, political, and judicial arenas. Money talks and the complaints from poor union members fall on deaf ears.

Mr. Cooper, on the other side of this postcard is an article that UFCW 8 published recently. It features an article from a recently retired union representative. He wants to paint a rosy picture of this Union to the rank and file. Below is why I believe this individual is so excited about this Union's leaders.

Below shows what representative Steve Goff received from UFCW 8 in salaries for the last six years prior to retirement:

Year 2000: Received	\$88,930	as a Business Representative
Year 2001: Received	\$100,186	as a Business Representative
Year 2002: Received	\$134,096	as a Business Representative
Year 2003: Received	\$142,782	as a Meat Div Coordinator
Year 2004: Received	\$153,077	as a Meat Div Coordinator
Year 2005: Received	\$155,598	as a Meat Div Coordinator

Six year total: \$774,669

All salary figures were obtained from DOL-
UFCW 8 "2006" salary information has yet to be filed with the DOL

*Life
has been
good to
Steve Goff!*

Mr. Cooper, it appears that Steve Goff and this Union have been working diligently to provide some hefty annual raises for Mr. Goff before Mr. Goff retired. This man's salary nearly doubled in six years. This kind of practice is common at this labor union. Mr. Cooper, the "powers that be" at this union have no one in which they have to answer to.

Sincerely,
Frank S. Nordby

Was Steve Goff's retirement pension based on a percentage of his highest ending salary? Is this the reason for the outrageous annual raises for the last five years?



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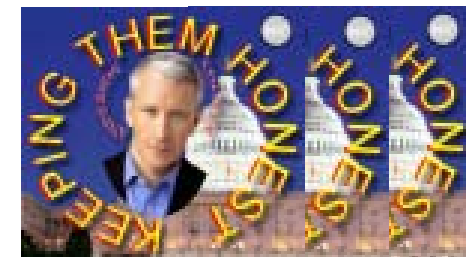
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Did you know that UFCW 8 hasn't offered their members an honest election of union officers for more than 25 years? Anderson, nobody wants to "Keep Them Honest."