

# TEAMSTERS NATIONWIDE Tell 7-Eleven



## 'It's Too High a Price to Pay For Fuel'

In November, tankhaul drivers from Teamster local unions in the Midwest and West joined members of Local 986 to hand bill Thanksgiving weekend customers at 7-Elevens to protest KAG West's destruction of union jobs and its refusal to bargain in good faith.

"It seems like KAG West doesn't care about good jobs," said Frank Basaldua, a tankhaul driver and member of Teamsters Local 986 in South El Monte, California. "They just want to cut, cut, cut – but that hasn't stopped us from continuing to work safely and efficiently. That's what we were hired to do."

On November 19, Teamsters distributed fliers in front of 7-Elevens in Southern California cities. Teamsters talked to hundreds of customers about KAG West's hostility toward working families. On November 26, Teamster tankhaul drivers from local unions in the Chicago, St. Louis, Tacoma, Washington and San Francisco areas rallied behind the contract bargaining for Local 986.

"We know with the strength of our tankhaul members across the country behind us we will be able to turn the direction of these KAG West contract negotiations around for the better," said Chris Griswold, Secretary-Treasurer of Teamsters Local 986.

**The Teamsters are educating 7-Eleven customers about what is**

**happening at KAG West. If the company doesn't like this public education campaign, management should treat its workforce in Southern California differently and bargain in good faith so workers can have a fair contract.**

"Teamsters Local 705 supported the KAG demonstration at three Chicago area 7-Elevens this weekend," Local 705 Business Agent Neil Messino said. "We also plan on hand billing on December 3. It was very successful at all three locations. We got a good response, and managers called their higher ups to let them know we were there."

"We hand billed the McKelvey Road location here in St. Louis," said Marvin Kropp, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 618 in St. Louis and President of Joint Council 13. "We got a good response. Locals 618, 610 and 682 from Joint Council 13 participated in the hand billing. There was lots of traffic because of the shopping, a good location."

"In Tacoma, the store owner showed up and took photos of our signs and banner," said Nick Lansdale, Local 313 Business Agent/Organizer.

More hand billing took place December 3. Visit [www.teamster.org/kagwest](http://www.teamster.org/kagwest) for the latest information.