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## **LOCAL 881 UFCW ENDORSES QUINN FOR GOVERNOR**

Chicago—Local 881 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) formally announced its endorsement of Illinois Governor Pat Quinn in the February 2, 2010 Primary Election during a press conference today.

In announcing the support of the 34,000-member Union, Ronald E. Powell, President of Local 881 and UFCW International Vice President, stated:

“Governor Quinn has consistently stood strong in his position that every Illinois worker has a right to earn a living wage. This Local Union continuously challenges Walmart, and other large retailers, to do right by the workers and communities throughout the state by setting wage and benefit standards. Pat Quinn has never wavered in publicly supporting these efforts; in fact, he has been a vocal, ardent advocate of these initiatives. From supporting living wage policies in the City of Chicago to increasing minimum wage standards for all workers, Governor Quinn has never shied away from joining in the fight to protect the rights of Local 881 members and all working families throughout Illinois.”

“As Governor, he inherited enormous challenges during a critical time in the history of Illinois. Local 881 is committed to unequivocally supporting Governor Quinn in the same way that he has always stood on the side of workers in the retail industry.”

“As a former member of UFCW Local 881, I am honored by this endorsement,” Governor Quinn said. “I know first-hand that members of this union work hard every day, and I salute UFCW Local 881 for its strong, effective advocacy for its members. As Governor, I am committed to bringing good jobs and economic growth to Illinois, and I know that together we can put the Land of Lincoln back on track and bring prosperity to Illinois.”

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Local 881 UFCW represents 34,000 members employed in retail food and drug stores throughout Illinois and Northwest Indiana, as well as a professional division comprised of health and nursing home workers, barbers and cosmetologists, and workers in other retail and service industries. Among the companies under contract with Local 881 are Jewel Food Stores, Osco Drug, CVS Pharmacy, Dominick’s Finer Foods, Kroger, Schnucks, and many smaller chains and independent stores, as well as nursing homes and other business establishments. Local 881 is among the largest affiliates of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, which represents 1.3 million members in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.