

OPEN FORUM

Cash & Carry: 100% union with the Teamsters

To the Editor:

As a 41-year Teamsters Local 206 member who started with United Grocers, now Supervalu, I was surprised and distressed to find in your Nov. 12, 2017 edition, a story regarding the union drive at New Seasons, in a five column banner listing the 'Unionized Grocery Stores' and the 'Non-Union Competition,' (both in nice big orange letters), a grievous error. Teamsters-represented Cash & Carry Stores were listed as non-union. Checking back with some retired bothers, the Cash & Carry Stores were union in the early 1950s, no doubt about it. They still had union contracts when I started in the 1970s, and I've been on every contract committee for Cash & Carry since 1987.

Cash & Carry has a statewide agreement with 20 union stores. Cash & Carry has the industry leading contract, period. Everyone in the store except the store manager is a Teamster. There is no retail grocery — union or nonunion — in the state who touches our wages, pension, health and welfare, guaranteed workweeks, seniority bidding, vacation schedules, etc. No system runs any better or with less man hours versus volume, not on either list. We are proud to represent these Teamster brothers and sisters and the important work they do.

Cash & Carry stores are open to everyone. You won't find beer or a pharmacy, but you will find fresh meat, dairy, produce, dry grocery, frozen food, and an array of kitchen and cleaning necessities as well. It is an outstanding shopping experience with a seasoned crew at every location. Good contracts tend to be a special type of glue that encourages workers to commit to a career. Union runs deep in this company. Many in upper management came up through the rank and file, even a company president, and for those managers who vested, at retirement there was and is a Teamster pension waiting for them too.

Attached you will find each Cash & Carry facility address. Shop union, shop local, shop Cash & Carry.

Stan White
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Teamsters Local 206

CASH & CARRY IS A UNION GROCER TOO!

Portland 731 SE Stephens St.
910 N. Hayden Meadows Drive
1825 NW 19th Ave.

Clackamas 15700 S.E. 82nd Drive

Gresham 2521 NW Division St.

Tigard 11745 SW Pacific Hwy.

Aloha 3950 SW 170th Ave. at TV Hwy

Salem 1410 Barnes Ave., SE
1355 Salem Ind. Drive

Kelso, Washington 2303 Talley Way

Eugene 4214 W. Fifth Ave.

Springfield 3559 Gateway St.

Coos Bay 751 S. 2nd

Newport 156 NE 7th

Warrenton 595 SE Alternate Hwy 101,

Bend 1500 NE Third St.

Medford 2033 Cardinal Ave.

Klamath Falls 2805 Maywood Drive,

The Dalles 1820 W. 2nd

Pendleton 4228 Westgate



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