

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. RALPHS GROCERY COMPANY, Defendant.
No. CR 05-1210-PA

NOTICE OF EXTENDED FILING DEADLINE

According to our records, you have not filed a claim for your share of the Ralphs Restitution Fund. **The claims filing deadline has been extended to May 21, 2007.** Attached is a claim form for you to use, should you choose to file a claim.

Following is the Notice previously sent to you describing the claim process for the Ralphs Restitution Fund.

As one result of the action of the Court in the above-captioned matter, Ralphs Grocery Company ("Ralphs") has established a restitution fund known as The Ralphs Restitution Fund in the amount of \$50 million. This restitution fund is for the benefit of Eligible Employees, the Unions identified in the action and certain employee benefit funds.

"Eligible Employees" are individuals who: (1) were Ralphs employees (excluding pharmacists) covered by the CBA¹; (2) were locked out by Ralphs during the Strike or Lockout²; and (3) did not work for Ralphs, Albertsons, or Vons during the Strike or Lockout under any name or identity. The "Strike" means the Unions' strike of Vons beginning on or about October 12, 2003, and continuing until on or about March 1, 2004.

The Unions identified in the aforesaid action are the following local unions of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union ("UFCW"): (1) UFCW Local 135; (2) UFCW Local 324; (3) UFCW Local 770; (4) UFCW Local 1036; (5) UFCW Local 1167; (6) UFCW Local 1428; and (7) UFCW Local 1442.

You have been identified as a potential Eligible Employee. As such, you are entitled to file a claim asserting entitlement to participate in the distribution of The Ralphs Restitution Fund. Enclosed is the Claim Form to be filed.

You must provide the answers to all questions on the Claim Form, and then sign and date the Claim Form certifying under penalty of perjury that all the information entered on the Claim Form is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. The answers to some of the questions on your Claim Form may have been pre-printed based on information provided by Ralphs or the Unions. Please correct any pre-printed information (including your name and address) that is not correct.

To be eligible, **your Claim Form must be mailed to the Claims Administrator with a postmark no later than May 21, 2007.**

If you have any questions about completing your Claim Form, you may call the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-800-207-0343. To see a list of frequently asked questions and their answers, please visit www.RalphsRestitutionFund.com.

¹ "CBA" means the Retail Food, Meat, Bakery, Candy And General Merchandise Agreement, in effect from on or about October 4, 1999, through on or about October 5, 2003, between, on the one hand, the Unions and, on the other hand, Ralphs; Albertson's Inc. ("Albertsons"); Lucky Stores, Inc.; Stater Bros. Markets; and Vons, A Safeway Company ("Vons").

² The "Lockout" means Ralphs' and Albertsons' lockout of employees covered by the CBA, beginning on or about October 12, 2003, and continuing until on or about March 1, 2004.