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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Recruitment Event to Assist the Employees of Haggen and Fresh & Easy Grocery Stores**

On November 5, 2015, local employers will convene for a Recruitment Event to meet, interview, and potentially hire the current and former employees of Haggen and Fresh & Easy grocery stores.

The two grocery chains announced they would be closing stores across the region, including eight stores collectively in Santa Barbara County (six Haggen stores and two Fresh & Easy stores) and hundreds of workers will be laid off just before the holidays.

The Recruitment Event will take place on:

**November 5, 2015 at the Workforce Resource Center**  
**130 E. Ortega Street, Santa Barbara**  
**10 am – 12pm (open *exclusively* to the Haggen and Fresh & Easy employees)**  
**12 pm- 3pm (open to all job seekers)**

The following employers will participate:

- Bed, Bath, & Beyond
- CVS
- Gelson's Market
- Kmart
- Lazy Acres
- Ralphs
- Rite Aid
- Sears

The event is being coordinated and hosted by:

- Santa Barbara County Workforce Development Board
- UFCW Local 770
- Workforce Resource Center
- State of California Employment Development Department (EDD)

In addition to the Recruitment Event, Representatives from EDD, the Workforce Resource Center, County Department of Social Services, UFCW Local 770, and the Workforce Development Board hosted Rapid Response sessions at each of the six Haggen stores to meet with the impacted employees and provide information about benefits, services, and resources available in the community.

**Please note:** The Recruitment Event will be open to the general public from 12pm – 3pm. Jobseekers are encouraged to bring a resume and dress professionally.