

Retirement of Phil Tucker

From the desk of: Jocelyn Wong, Group Vice President, Shopper Marketing and Planning.

It's with mixed feelings that I announce the upcoming retirement of Phil Tucker after 46 years with Safeway.

At the tender age of 15, Phil started his career as a box boy at store #12 in Los Angeles. By 1969 he had been promoted to checker. He was then transferred to store #1 in Lynnwood and became known as the "fastest checker in town"!

From 1969 – 1972, Phil served in the United States Air Force. When he returned from duty, he returned to store #1 as a full time Supervisor. Throughout the next 18 years, Phil worked his way through the ranks and served several stores as Grocery Manager, Store Manager and in 1990 became the first African American District Manager for Vons.

In 2004, Phil was brought to the Corporate Offices in Pleasanton as Vice President of Lifestyle Development. During his 7 years here at corporate, Phil played an instrumental role in the successful rollout of the Lifestyle initiative; including the launch package for our Grand Openings, the creation of "The Market" stores in both Long Beach and San Jose, and assisted in the development of the International Foods Zone in our Eastern Division.

With his experience, dedication, and many contributions to the company, Phil will be greatly missed. Phil's last day on campus will be on Friday, September 23, 2011.

Please join us in the Café on Friday, September 23rd at 2:30 pm to congratulate Phil on his retirement and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.