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***CULINARY UNION REACHES TENTATIVE AGREEMENT***

***WITH TROPICANA HOTEL & CASINO***

*August 20, Las Vegas* – Today, the Culinary Workers Union Local 226, Bartenders Union Local 165, and Tropicana Entertainment reached a tentative agreement on a new collective bargaining agreement covering approximately 750 workers at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

The new tentative agreement was negotiated between representatives of the Las Vegas Tropicana and a committee of rank-and-file members of the Culinary and Bartenders Unions. The tentative agreement will be presented for ratification by members of the Culinary and Bartenders Unions employed at the Tropicana on Friday, August 22nd.

D. Taylor, the Culinary Union's Secretary-Treasurer and lead negotiator noted that, "We are thrilled that after so long, the Tropicana's negotiating committee was able to achieve its goal of protecting the 'Las Vegas Dream.' Our Union's members stood with the Tropicana workers these last 15 months determined that no Las Vegas worker would be left behind. We were disappointed when the Nevada Gaming Control Board would not take action against the former owner of the Tropicana, but we are heartened that workers sticking together brought a solution. We commend Scott Butera and the new team at the Tropicana for making sure that their property remains part of the 'Las Vegas Dream.'"

The Culinary Workers Union Local 226 represents over 60,000 workers including hotel and casino workers on the Las Vegas Strip and at Downtown properties as well as workers at McCarran Airport and at industrial laundry plants throughout Las Vegas. The Culinary Union settled contracts for the majority of its Las Vegas Strip and Downtown properties during the summer and fall of 2007. The Tropicana was the last remaining Las Vegas property working under a contract extension from 2007.

The Las Vegas Tropicana is owned and operated by Tropicana Entertainment.