



2024 CAC GENERAL ELECTION
PRODUCER DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS

I declare that I am engaged, within this state, in the business of producing or causing to be produced avocados for market through a legal entity (individual ownership, partnership, corporation, or other) which is not also involved in the handling of avocados, and that my grove is located in California Avocado Commission District Number 1 (Refer to enclosed Grove District Zip Code List)

I own the following number of planted avocado acres in California 12 and derive a portion of my gross avocado industry income from producing or causing to be produced avocados. I also have a financial interest in groves located in District(s) 1.

I manage the following number of planted avocado acres in California 12 and derive a portion of my gross avocado industry income from producing or causing to be produced avocados. I also have a financial interest in groves located in District(s) 1.

I pack my fruit with the following handlers: Eco Farms, Cal Flavor;

In addition, I am also involved in the avocado industry in the following capacities (check all that apply):

- Handler - Owner/Partner
Handler - Officer/Director
Handler - Employee
Holder of a personal financial interest in the production of avocados outside of the United States.
Holder of a personal financial interest in a handling operation that imports fruit from outside of the United States.

Please briefly describe that financial interest and specify the location of the out-of-country operation.

[Blank lines for describing financial interest and location]

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a complete, true and correct explanation of each of my affiliations with the avocado industry. I understand that this form may be made available upon request, or reproduced and included with election information mailed to eligible voters.

PRINT NAME: James D Kovaly

SIGNATURE: [Handwritten Signature] DATE: 8/23/2024

MUST ARRIVE AT CAC ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 26, 2024 VIA MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL

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PRODUCER CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

(Please Print or Type All Information)

NAME: James D Kovaly

GROVE CITY/CITIES: Valley Center

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

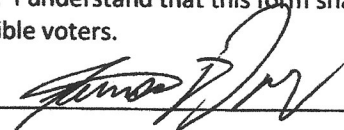
This form will be included with the ballots to inform growers about your qualifications. Please limit your statement to the space provided.

I own and manage a 12 acre grove with 1,200 Haas avocado trees in Valley Center (District 1) since I moved here from Colorado 3 years ago. Our production in 2024 was approximately 80,000 lbs. Since taking ownership of the grove, we have performed many upgrades, tasks and projects; mapped the grove, cleared additional acreage, planted more than 100 new trees, hired workers and worked with multiple packhouses and pickers to harvest the fruit. My wife Barri and I do most of the work, hiring workers and services as needed. I have been a member in good standing with the AGC (Avocado Growers of Calif) and CFB (Calif Farm Bureau) for several years. We have also applied for certain grants and secured funding so we are familiar with that process as well.

I have no affiliations with industry packhouses, grove management companies, etc. that could create a conflict of interest. As such, I am more focused on the actual challenges Avocado growers face in California.

Thank you for considering me and for the opportunity to represent you on the board.

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