



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 3 (Refer to enclosed Grove District Zip Code List)

I own the following number of planted avocado acres in California 42 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) 2.

I manage the following number of planted avocado acres in California 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).

I pack my fruit with the following handlers: Eco Farms; Mission; Del Rey;

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 of out-of-country operation.

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: John Berns

SIGNATURE: [Handwritten Signature] DATE: 08/26/2024

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

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2024 CAC GENERAL ELECTION PRODUCER CANDIDATE STATEMENT

(Please Print or Type All Information)

NAME: John Berns

GROVE CITY/CITIES: Moorpark

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.

My commitment to you, as your current District 3 Alternate Board Member, and as an avocado grower with 21 years of hands-on experience, is to represent your interests with integrity and independence.

I do not work for, nor do I have any ownership interest in, a packing house that imports foreign fruit.

This ensures that I have no conflict of interest in exclusively representing California growers. Over the past year, I have served on the Governance Committee and am participating in the Haas Avocado

Board's Leadership Training Program. I have actively engaged in Board meetings, focusing on

protecting the membership interests of all California avocado producers. I support fair trade

initiatives, strict phytosanitary standards for imported fruit, and bold, creative approaches to

marketing. Additionally, my 28 years of experience in leadership, management, and teaching in

public education further qualify me to support an open, transparent, and collaborative approach to

Board leadership and to provide effective oversight and guidance for the Commission. Vote for me to

advocate for you and pursue the actions and initiatives that will support our hard work and economic

interests. Your vote for Board Director can make a difference.

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