



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 ____ (Refer to enclosed **Grove District Zip Code List**)

I **own** 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 **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: _____; _____; _____; _____.

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.

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: _____

SIGNATURE:  _____ **DATE:** 7/29/2024

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2024 CAC GENERAL ELECTION PRODUCER CANDIDATE STATEMENT

(Please Print or Type All Information)

NAME: Rachael K Laenen


GROVE CITY/CITIES: Santa Paula

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 have had the pleasure of serving as your CAC representative since November of 2020. During that time, I have been involved in a number of committees and taskforces including Marketing Committee, Succession Planning Taskforce, Hass Avocado Committee and Chair of the Governance Committee. I am currently serving my final term as Vice Chair. As an industry, we are facing challenges from all directions - aging labor force, increasing regulations, uncertainty over water, ever increasing input costs and a challenging marketplace - not to mention invasive pests and damaging quarantines, low farmgate values and ever increasing public scrutiny and misunderstanding. During my time with the Commission, I have done my best to keep learning about these challenges, be open minded to possible paths forward and advocate the very best way I know how for all California avocado growers. One of the greatest challenges is always navigating management of the vocal minority while considering the perspective of the quiet or silent majority. I do my best to be visible in our district, meet with growers and keep a finger on the pulse of what is happening in our industry. I believe that helps me to be a thoughtful and considered voice in the boardroom. I believe strongly in CAC, our industry and would welcome the opportunity to represent you for another term.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a complete, true and correct explanation of my qualifications. I understand that this form shall be reproduced and included with election information mailed to eligible voters.

SIGNATURE:  DATE: 8/13/2024

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