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CAC Accepting Nominations for Three Board Vacancies

he California Avocado Commission currently has three CAC Board of Directors vacancies — District 1 alternate producer, a District 5 alternate producer and handler alternate member. All three positions will fill the vacant seats for the remainder of the term through October 31, 2025. These are volunteer positions without compensation, however travel expenses associated with attending the meetings are reimbursed by CAC.

The CAC Board represents growers in California's avocado growing regions, which are divided into five districts. The Board is composed of 20 individuals serving as producers, handlers and public members.

Qualifications for the producer positions are as follows:

- Nominee shall certify they meet the definition of a producer/grower as defined by CAC: "engaged within this state in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, avocados for market." It should be noted the definition does not include persons whose average annual production is less than 10,000 pounds of avocados in the three preceding market years.
- Nominee shall certify they are not a handler or employee of a handler under the same entity that qualifies them as a producer.
- Nominees can be nominated in only one district those who



produce avocados in more than one district must select one district for their nomination (in this case either District 1 or District 5).

 Nominees must complete and submit all required documents and maintain their qualifications throughout the term of their office.

Qualifications for the handler position are as follows:

• Nominee shall certify they meet the definition of a handler as defined by CAC: "has a financial interest in handling avocados for market either through ownership, employment or membership in a legal entity which is actively and directly engaged in the handling of avocados." • Nominees must complete and submit all required documents and maintain their qualifications throughout the term of their office.

All forms can be found on CaliforniaAvocadoGrowers.com and must be completed and submitted by May 9, 2025. Forms may be emailed to cac.iaf@avocado.org, faxed to 949.208.3503, or mailed to CAC, 12 Mauchly, Suite L, Irvine, CA, 92618-6305.

For additional information, contact the Commission at 949.341.1955 or email cac.iaf@avocado.org.

The vacancies are scheduled to be filled by a majority vote of the Commission at a Board meeting held in late May 2025.