



## CAC 2024 General Election Results

On November 7, 2024, the California Department of Food and Agriculture released the final vote tally of the recently concluded 2024 CAC General Election; below is a summary of the results. As a reminder, the 2024 CAC Election was conducted using a ranked voting method, with candidates receiving the highest number of 1st Choice Votes offered the available member seat. The newly elected CAC board members were seated at the CAC Board meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2024, and executive officers for the new fiscal year were elected at that time.

**District 1 Member:** Al Stehly  
**District 2 Member:** Ohannes (Onnig) Karaoghlanian  
**District 3 Member:** Maureen Lamb Cottingham  
**District 4 Member:** Rachael K Laenen  
**District 5 Member:** James Johnson  
**Handler Member:** John Dmytriw, Index Fresh

There currently exist three vacancies on the CAC Board for District 1, District 5 and Handler alternate member seats. Vacancy announcements with information on how interested parties can apply will be mailed and posted on the grower website, [CaliforniaAvocadoGrowers.com](http://CaliforniaAvocadoGrowers.com). 🥑

 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE California Avocado Commission 2024 Board of Directors Election Final Tally Voting Period Ends October 23, 2024					
PRODUCER - DISTRICT 1					
Nominees	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Votes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Votes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Votes	4 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes	5 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes
Al Stehly	34	2	0	0	0
James Kervick	14	0	0	0	0
PRODUCER - DISTRICT 2					
Nominees	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Votes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Votes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Votes	4 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes	5 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes
Ohannes (Onnig) Karaoghlanian	22	10	2	1	0
John Mackert	18	7	7	4	0
Karl Berni	3	11	10	2	0
John Canali	7	13	4	4	0
PRODUCER - DISTRICT 3					
Nominees	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Votes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Votes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Votes	4 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes	5 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes
Maureen Lamb-Cottingham	31	11	0	0	0
John Berni	20	16	2	0	0
PRODUCER - DISTRICT 4					
Nominees	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Votes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Votes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Votes	4 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes	5 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes
Rachael K. Laenen	40	18	3	0	0
Debra Chana	26	23	1	0	0
John Berni	1	0	0	0	0
* Write-in candidate					
PRODUCER - DISTRICT 5					
Nominees	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Votes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Votes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Votes	4 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes	5 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes
James Johnson	37	0	0	0	0
Steve Van Wingerden	3	0	0	0	0
* Write-in candidate					
HANDLER					
Nominees	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Votes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Votes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice Votes	4 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes	5 <sup>th</sup> Choice Votes
John Dmytriw	3	3	0	0	0
 Miranda Townsend Associate Agricultural Economist Cdfa Marketing Branch					
					November 7, 2024 Date

## CAC Executive Officers



**Chair**  
Jason Cole,  
District 4 Producer



**Vice-Chair**  
Ohannes Karaoghlanian,  
District 2 Producer



**Treasurer**  
Maureen Cottingham,  
District 3 Producer



**Secretary**  
Victor Araiza,  
District 2 Producer