



2025 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 40 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: Del Rey; Eco Farms; Mission; _____.

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: John Berns

SIGNATURE: John Berns

DATE: 08/22/25

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2025 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.*

I would like to ask for your vote to serve as your District 3 Director. I have over 22 years of hands-on farming experience. I manage my own groves and depend on the profitability of my farms to support myself and my family. Importantly, I will advocate for the growers' priorities, and have your best interests in mind, as I am not employed by, nor do I have any ownership interests in, any avocado industry business other than my farms. As the District 3 Alternate, I have served on the Governance Committee and the Hass Avocado Committee, and I graduated from the Hass Avocado Board's Leadership Training Program. I have actively engaged in Board and Committee meetings, focusing on promoting greater transparency in Commission business. I support fair trade initiatives, continued investment in production research, strict phytosanitary standards for imported fruit, and bold, creative approaches to marketing. As a retired high school principal, I bring leadership and management experience to ensure transparent, collaborative Board leadership, to challenge the status quo, and to provide effective oversight for the Commission. Vote for me to advocate for you and pursue the actions and initiatives that will support and safeguard our achievements and economic well-being.

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