

2025 CAC GENERAL ELECTION HANDLER DISCLOSURE OF AFFILIATIONS

, hereby declare that I have a financial interest in handling
avocados for market for producers, through my involvement with Del Vey Hvocado in the following capacity: (Name of Handler Entity)
Owner/Partner
Officer/Director
Employee
In addition, I am also involved in the avocado industry in the following capacities (complete all that apply):
I own the following number of planted avocado acres in California 115 and derive a portion of my gross avocado industry income from producing or causing to be produced avocados.
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.
Holder of a <u>personal financial interest</u> in the <u>production</u> of avocados <u>outside</u> of the United States.
Holder of a <u>personal financial interest</u> in a <u>handling</u> operation that imports fruit from <u>outside</u> of the United States.
Please briefly describe that financial interest and specify the location of the out-of-country operation.
Peran-will not have interest after 2025.
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
PRINT NAME: Casica Hunter
SIGNATURE: DATE: DATE:

MUST ARRIVE AT CAC ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 25, 2025 VIA EMAIL OR FAX

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2025 CAC GENERAL ELECTION HANDLER CANDIDATE STATEMENT

(Please Print or Type All Information)
Ī	NAME: ESSICA HUNTE
(COMPANY NAME: Del Rey Avocado
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 been proudly involved in the California avocado industry since 2002, when I began my career at Del Rey Avocado. Over the past two decades, I have had the privilege of growing alongside the business, taking on increasing leadership responsibilities, and today serve as CEO. As a third-generation member of my family to lead Del Rey Avocado, I bring both deep-rooted experience and forward-looking commitment to the future of California avocado farming.
	My journey in the industry began by managing our family's local avocado groves, which gave me firsthand experience working with growers and understanding the seasonality, challenges, and nuances of avocado production in California. I later transitioned into managing our packing facility in Fallbrook, gaining insight into the operational and logistical demands of bringing California avocados from the tree to the retailer.
	Throughout my career, I have remained passionate about supporting California growers. I work closely with them on harvest forecasting and managing the flow of fruit from the field, through the packline, and to the end customer. I believe this close connection to both growers and retail partners gives me a balanced perspective on the needs and opportunities facing our industry.
	My commitment to California agriculture is both professional and personal. I care deeply about preserving the lifestyle and jobs avocado farming creates for families in our community—from growers, to pickers, to haulers, packers, and sales teams. Agriculture is a vital thread in the fabric of our state, offering not just economic opportunity but environmental benefits and a connection to the land.
-	If given the opportunity to serve on the California Avocado Commission as a Handler Representative, I would advocate strongly for ensuring that CAC funds are directed toward supporting the continued supply of California fruit and achieving the best possible returns for our growers. My goal is to help build a sustainable, competitive future for California avocados—one that benefits growers today and for generations to come.
	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: 7/22/2025

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