



2026 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 2 (Refer to enclosed **Grove District Zip Code List**)

I **own** the following number of planted avocado acres in California 42 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) 1.

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: Eco Farms; Mission Produce; Del Rey; _____.

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:** 08/16/26

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2026 CAC GENERAL ELECTION PRODUCER CANDIDATE STATEMENT

(Please Print or Type All Information)

NAME: John Berns

GROVE CITY/CITIES: Moorpark

CAC BOARD SEAT PREFERRED:



MEMBER



ALTERNATE



NO PREFERENCE

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.

My commitment to you, as your current District 3 Board Director and an avocado grower of 23 years, is to represent your interest with integrity and independence. I own and manage 42 acres and I do not work for, or own any interest in any domestic or foreign packer or importer. I represent California growers exclusively. This past year, I served on the Governance and Finance Committees and as Secretary of the Board. I remain steadfast in advocating for full reporting on the effectiveness of our marketing program and clearly demonstrating the return to growers on our paid assessment. I support strengthening inspection oversight in Mexico and continued advocacy for trade restrictions against the unfair volume of imported fruit driving down prices for California growers. I support production research and the pursuit of legal measures to restrict the importation of Hass-like fruit, research into pest and disease management, yield and quality improvements, and reduced water costs. I opposed the redistricting that eliminated two board seats in the districts with the largest number of members. I would be honored to continue representing you. I will keep working to ensure your voice is heard and advocate for your best economic interest. I encourage you to reach out and share your story and ideas. You can reach me at johnberns.cac@gmail.com

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.

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