



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 3 (Refer to enclosed **Grove District Zip Code List**)

I **own** 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 **manage** the following number of planted avocado acres in California 175 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) 4.

I **pack** my fruit with the following handlers: Index Fresh; _____; _____; _____.

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.

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2026 CAC GENERAL ELECTION PRODUCER CANDIDATE STATEMENT

(Please Print or Type All Information)

NAME: Nathan Lurie

GROVE CITY/CITIES: Santa Paula

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.*

I jumped into the avocado industry in 2012 when I began working with CA growers to analyze and understand their soil and plant nutritional needs through my position with Fruit Growers Laboratory. I worked with many growers and their groves throughout southern and central CA. It was an amazing time for me to learn and explore in avocado orchards and understand the soil/resource concerns affecting growers. My love and knowledge of avocados as a fruit, as a tree, and as unique groves with unique challenges grew quickly and I found myself wanting to be in the orchard more and more. I took an opportunity to manage a Moorpark farm property where I was involved in orchard development, water-well remediation and development, along with managing the farm's food safety program and daily irrigation and labor needs. It was fun, humbling, hard work that pushed me to apply my knowledge and education directly to the land I managed.

After a few years in Moorpark and a chance meeting with Brokaw Nursery's field-man, Dan Grant, it was time for a change and he insisted that I get in contact with the owners at Brokaw Ranch in Santa Paula. I became Brokaw Ranch's Assistant Manager in 2016, working under Jose Alcaraz, and eventually moved into the role as Farm Manager. I have been with Brokaw Ranch Company for 10 years, managing a variety of commodities in Santa Paula (D3) and Soledad (D4), with the majority of the acreage dedicated to avocado production.

I participated in the Hass Avocado Board's BOLD program, for industry development and leadership, and was President of the California Avocado Society (2020-2022), where I continue to participate on the board of directors. The success, sustainability, and continuation of the avocado industry in California is deeply important to me and my family and I look forward to representing my district's best interests, along with the best interests of all California growers and operators involved in the avocado industry. I think my experience, knowledge, and open-mind make me a good choice as a producer member of the California Avocado Commission's Board of Directors.

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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