

January 15, 2020
Mission Viejo, CA

Via Email

California Avocado Commission
Tom Bellamore, Executive Director
John Lamb, Chair

Dear Tom and John,

The Hass Avocado Board is seeking interested producers to fill one (1) producer alternate vacancy on the Board whose term expires on October 31, 2021.

Pursuant to 7 CFR 1219.36(d), of the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research and Information Order (HAPRIO), "should any alternate member become vacant in the event of death, removal, resignation, or disqualification, the Board may nominate persons to serve for the unexpired term of such alternate member. The nomination shall be conducted at a regularly scheduled Board meeting as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. The Board may solicit the names of nominees from producers and importers prior to the meeting and from the floor of the meeting. All nominees must meet the qualifications for nomination. The Board shall submit two nominees for each vacancy to the Secretary. A vacancy will not be required to be filled if the unexpired term is less than six months".

To be eligible to serve on the Board, in accordance with Sections 1219.20 and 1219.30 of the HAPRIO, interested persons must meet this criteria:

- *Be domiciled in the United States;*
- *A Producer is any person who is engaged in the business of producing Hass avocados in the United States for commercial use, who owns, or shares the ownership and risk of loss, of such Hass avocados. In addition, the term "person" (as defined in §1219.19 of the Order) means any individual, group of individuals, firm, partnership, corporation, joint stock company, association, cooperative, or any other legal entity.*
- *Be subject to assessments under the Order.*

Interested persons to be considered by the Board need to email me their name by February 21, 2020 at noon PST or attend the board meeting which will be held on February 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. PST at Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard Street, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 where nominations will be taken from the floor. The interested person does not need to be present to be considered for the vacancy.

Please note that this request is not related to the 2020 Election. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Sue Coleman from AMS at sue.coleman@usda.gov or (202) 378-2569.

Thank you,



Jorge Hernandez, Chair
Hass Avocado Board

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