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AT LARGE INDEPENDENT WALNUT GROWER'S PETITION FOR PROPOSING NAMES TO BE INCLUDED ON THE WALNUT MARKETING BOARD NOMINATION BALLOT

Ten (10) or more of the undersigned growers are eligible to propose nominations pursuant to Section 984.37(b) of Marketing Order No. 984, as amended, hereby petition the Walnut Marketing Board to include on the nominating ballot the name of:				
NAME (as you would like it to appear on the ballot)			PHONE	
ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
as a candidate for the position of Use separate petitions for Me	mber and Alternate Member p	ember (circle only one) to repositions.	present group (4) as set to	
GROWER'S NAME (print clearly)	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS/PHONE		QUANTITY MARKETING IN (Tons)
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THIS PETITION IS TO BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 1.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

984.35(a)(4) One member to represent growers who market their walnuts through cooperative handlers or independent handlers, whichever category of such handlers had certified as merchantable more than 50 percent of the kernelweight of all walnuts certified as merchantable by all handlers during the two marketing years preceding the year in which nominations were made – the member representing growers who market their walnuts through independent handlers shall be nominated at large in the State of California;

984.35(a)(5) One member to represent growers from District 1 who market their walnuts through independent handlers; and

984.35(a)(6) One member to represent growers from District 2 who market their walnuts through independent handlers.

984.35(c) Grower Districts:

(1) <u>District 1.</u> District 1 encompasses the counties in the State of California that lie north of a line drawn on the south boundaries of San Mateo, Alameda, San Joaquin. Calaveras, and Alpine Counties.

(2) <u>District 2.</u> District 2 shall consist of all other walnut producing counties in the State of California south of the boundary line set forth in subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

984.437(b) Any ten or more growers eligible to serve in the grower member positions specified in §984.35(a)(5) and (6) and who marketed an aggregate of 500 or more tons of wainuts through independent handlers during the marketing year preceding the year in which Board nominations are held, may petition the Board to include on the nomination ballot for a district the name of an eligible candidate for the applicable position, and the name of an eligible candidate to serve as his alternate. The names of the eligible candidates proposed pursuant to this paragraph shall be included on the ballot together with the names of any incumbents who are willing to continue serving on the Board.

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