U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

SPECIALTY CROPS PROGRAM

**COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BALLOT**

**AMENDMENT OF MARKETING ORDER NO. 989, REGULATING**

**THE HANDLING OF RAISINS PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN IN CALIFORNIA**

I certify that I am an officer or employee of, and have been authorized by, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cooperative to furnish the following information and cast this Ballot on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cooperative.1 There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(# of growers) who: (a) are members of, stockholders in, and growers under contract with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cooperative; (b) are now engaged in the State of California in the growing of raisins produced from grapes grown in California for market, and also were so engaged during the period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015; and (c) during this same period so produced for market the following quantity of raisins2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tons, on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ acres.

**DOES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COOPERATIVE**

(Please indicate your vote by placing an “X” in one of the boxes below for each proposed amendment.)

**FAVOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR THE RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE TO BORROW MONEY FROM A COMMERICAL LENDING INSTITUTION?**  **□ Yes □ No**

**FAVOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY FOR THE RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE TO ESTABILISH A MONETARY RESERVE EQUAL TO ONE YEAR’S OPERATIONAL BUDGETED EXPENSES AS AVERAGED OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS?**  **□ Yes □ No**

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Signature of Authorized Agent

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Title/Official Capacity

**This ballot must be completed fully and returned**

**by March 1, 2016 to be valid.**

1 Include the Cooperative Association’s resolution, which was adopted by the Board of Directors authorizing the casting of this Ballot.

2 A list of the co-op grower membership, in alphabetical order, containing the names and addresses, the weight in tons of raisins delivered, plus the corresponding acreage for this tonnage, from August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015, has been forwarded to the USDA’s Specialty Crops Program, California Marketing Field Office, under separate cover.

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