U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

SPECIALTY CROPS PROGRAM

**COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION BALLOT**

**CONTINUANCE/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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ producers who: (a) are members of, stockholders in, and producers 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, 20\_\_\_ through July 31, 20\_\_\_; and (c) during this same period so produced for market the following quantity of raisins2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tons.

**DOES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COOPERATIVE FAVOR CONTINUANCE OR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE ORDER REGULATING THE HANDLING OF RAISINS PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN IN CALIFORNIA?** (Please indicate your vote by placing an “X” in one of the boxes below.)

□ YES □ NO

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Signature of Authorized Agent

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Title/Official Capacity

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

2  A list, in alphabetical order, containing the names and addresses, and the weight of raisins delivered, from August 1, 20\_\_\_ through July 31, 20\_\_\_, to the Cooperative Association by each such producer has been forwarded to the USDA’s Specialty Crops Programs, California Marketing Field Office, under separate cover.

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