

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE FOR PISTACHIOS
FEDERAL MARKETING ORDER 983
OFFICIAL BALLOT MATERIAL**

**First Last
Handler
Street
City, State**

HANDLER BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

HANDLER BALLOT: There is one handler member and one alternate handler member position to be filled on the Committee. For the Position 1 handler member and alternate handler member position, each handler entity is entitled one vote. For the Position 2 handler member, each handler entity is entitled to one vote respectively for each ton of assessed weight of pistachios processed by that handler during the two production years preceding the current production year. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes by position will be the handler member and the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will be the alternate handler member. In case of a tie vote, the nominee(s) shall be selected by a drawing.

HANDLER POSITION: This year the voting is for the Position X member. Each handler entity is entitled to one vote for each ton of assessed weight of pistachios processed by that handler during the 20XX/20XX and 20XX/20XX production years. Volume for voting purposes will be determined based upon handler reports provided to the Committee. Vote for one candidate of your choice or write in the name and contact information of the candidate of your choice.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY: Any business entity currently engaged in the handling of pistachios within the states of California, Arizona and New Mexico is eligible to vote for the handler member positions.

AFFILIATION: The two handler member and alternate handler member positions must be represented by handlers that are not affiliated with each other. Only one member and one alternate representing handlers shall be employed by, or affiliated with the same handler and/or producer.

VOTING PERIOD: March xx, 20xx through April xx, 20xx

BALLOT CERTIFICATION: Print your name and title (if applicable), and certify your eligibility to vote by signing and dating the ballot. Ballot without a signature will not be counted.

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VOTING DEADLINE <u>April X, 20XX</u>

HANDLER POSITION X BALLOT

You must be a handler of pistachios in California, Arizona, or New Mexico to vote on this ballot.

The ballot is for the **July 1, 20XX – June 30, 20XX** two year term for (*choose appropriate handler position for this election year*)

Handler Position 1 (one vote per handler entity – each vote weighted equally) (*or*)

Handler Position 2 (one vote per handler entity – each vote weighted based on tons of assessed pistachios received and processed by the handler during the two production years preceding the current production year)

Vote for 1 of the following or submit a write-in candidate:

<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate One <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Three <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Five	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Two <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Four <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate Six
Write-In Candidate _____	*Contact Info (phone, email) _____
*Contact information needed for write-in candidates	

CERTIFICATION OF VOTER ELIGIBILITY (only ballots certified with a signature will be counted)

I certify that I or my employer currently handles pistachios. If I am casting a ballot on behalf of my employer, I certify that I have the authority to do so.

Handler Name	Address	Phone Number
Print Name	Signature	Date
Title		

Mail, email, or fax your ballot by April X, 20XX (ballots not received or postmarked by this date will not be counted):

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