**California Walnut Board**

VOTING DEADLINE

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_**

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**BALLOT**

**ELECTION OF DISTRICT \_\_\_ HANDLER MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES**

**VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 984.37 of Marketing Order No. 984, as amended, I hereby vote for the following members and alternates as representatives of District \_\_\_ handlers of walnuts of the California Walnut Board for the two-year term beginning September 1, 20\_\_\_.

Walnut handlers may vote for two members and two alternates. Mark an “X” opposite your choice if your wish to vote for the candidates listed. Write-in lines are provided if you wish to nominate qualified walnut handlers who are not shown on the ballot. Please type or print clearly the handler’s name and address in the space provided. Vote for only two names in each column.

***Your ballot will be invalidated if you vote for more than two persons for each position.***

**DISTRICT \_\_\_ HANDLER NOMINEES**

| **Member** | **Vote** | **Alternate Member** | **Vote** |
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**CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY**

I hereby certify that I am currently a qualified handler of walnuts and operated as such a handler during the 20\_\_\_\_\_\_ marketing year.

Legal Name of Voting Entity

Address City State Zip

Authorized Signature Print Name

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

*In the event one handler does not handle 35% or more of the crop:*

§ 984.35(a)(1) Two handler members from District 1; and

§ 984.35(a)(2) Two handler members from District 2.

*In the event one handler handles 35% or more of the crop:*

§ 984.35(b)(3) Two handler members to represent handlers that do not handle 35% or more of the crop.

*Districts:*

District 1: Consistsof the counties in the State that lie north of a line drawn on the southern boundaries of San Mateo, Alameda, San Joaquin, Calaveras and Alpine counties.

District 2: Consists of all other counties in the State south of the boundary line set forth in the definition of District 1.

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