

## Independent Accountant's Report

Hass Avocado Board  
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the nomination process conducted pursuant to the Hass Avocado Promotion Order, 7 C.F.R. § 1219. The Hass Avocado Board is responsible for administering the nomination process.

The Hass Avocado Board has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of assisting the Board and the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") in identifying producers and importers for possible appointment to the Hass Avocado Board. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

Our procedures and results were as follows:

1. We obtained a copy of the Hass Avocado Nomination Procedures ("Procedures"), dated March 23, 2023. We read the Procedures to gain an understanding of the rules governing the nomination process. The Board also provided us with a list of producers and importers in the U.S. who are eligible to serve on the board along with the sample ballot identical to that which was mailed to all producers and importers on the list.

Results: We noted that the Board must submit two *producer* names for each available producer seat. There are four available producer seats, for a total of eight producer names to be submitted to the USDA. The Board must also submit two *importer* names for each available seat. There are four available seats, for a total of eight importer names. The ballot instructed producers and importers to return their ballots directly to a designated post office box controlled by Davis Farr LLP no later than May 20, 2024 and that all ballots must be signed.

2. Electronic ballots were also collected and tabulated by the eballoting agency. A certified elections results report, along with a raw voter results report was provided from the eballoting agency to the firm prior to data entry into the ballot tally summary schedule.
3. Paper ballots were collected from a dedicated post office box and were controlled in a secure area prior to data entry into our ballot tally summary schedule.
4. After data entry, all votes were recounted by a second accountant.
5. The ballot tally summary schedule, in descending order by vote count, was provided to the Board in Exhibit A.

Results of the top candidates with the highest total number of votes are as follows. Please note that in the event of a tie, lots were cast to determine the order of presentation.

#### **Producer Nominees**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Qualifying Votes</b>
1	James	Johnson	162
2	Charley	Wolk	131
3	Paula	Coxe	108
4	Michael	Craviotto	92
5	Ivor	Von Wingerden	87
6	Russell	Doty	83
7	Daniel	Harte	76
8	Edgar	Gutierrez	62
9	Christopher	Veitch	57
10	Andrea	Baxter	50

#### **Importer Nominees**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Qualifying Votes</b>
1	Dave	Billings	12
2	Angela	Tallant	7
3	Sabrina	Castillo	6
4	Robert	Ybarra	6
5	Nick	Lahr	6
6	Juan	Monsalve	5
7	Daniela	Rivera	4
8	Elizabeth	Ayala	4
9	Pedro	Somarriba	3
10	Jeffrey	Cox	3
11	John	Patrick	1
12	Jerry	Garcia	1

6. There were several ballots that were disqualified for various reasons. A summary of these have been provided to the Board with the nomination results in Exhibit A.
7. The certified election results report and the raw voter results report provided by the eballoting agency along with our ballot vote tally summary will be stored electronically for a minimum of five (5) years.
8. The paper ballots will be secured in storage for a minimum of five (5) years.
9. We provided a listing to the board that included the producer or importer along with the provided email address from the paper ballots.

We were engaged by the Hass Avocado Board to perform this agreed-upon-procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on handler assessments. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Hass Avocado Board and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Hass Avocado Board and the United States Department of Agriculture and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Davis Fan LP*

Irvine, California  
May 24, 2024

**HASS AVOCADO BOARD NOMINATIONS**  
**Overall Tally Results**  
**May 20, 2024**

**Producer Nominees**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Qualifying Votes</b>
1	James	Johnson	162
2	Charley	Wolk	131
3	Paula	Coxe	108
4	Michael	Craviotto	92
5	Ivor	Von Wingerden	87
6	Russell	Doty	83
7	Daniel	Harte	76
8	Edgar	Gutierrez	62
9	Christopher	Veitch	57
10	Andrea	Baxter	50
Total of qualifying producer votes received by deadline			908

**Importer Nominees**

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Qualifying Votes</b>
1	Dave	Billings	12
2	Angela	Tallant	7
3	Sabrina	Castillo	6
4	Robert	Ybarra	6
5	Nick	Lahr	6
6	Juan	Monsalve	5
7	Daniela	Rivera	4
8	Elizabeth	Ayala	4
9	Pedro	Somarriba	3
10	Jeffrey	Cox	3
11	John	Patrick	1
12	Jerry	Garcia (write-in)	1
Total of qualifying importer votes received by deadline			58

**Qualified Ballots**

Total number of producer ballots received by deadline	309
Total number of importer ballots received by deadline	31
<b>Total Qualified Ballots</b>	<b>340</b>

**Disqualified Ballots**

Voter indicated they are ineligible to vote	8
Blank ballot	6
Name/signature was not legible	2
Voter not on approved producer/importer list	7
<b>Total Disqualified Ballots</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total Ballots</b>	<b>363</b>