

# RAISIN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

ADMINISTERING THE FEDERAL MARKETING  
AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGULATING THE  
HANDLING OF CALIFORNIA RAISINS

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**TO:** All Independent Raisin Producers

**SUBJECT:** Nomination meetings for independent producer seats.

1. Independent producers' member/alternate seats for the 2020/2022 RAC term based on deliveries for the 2018/19 crop year will be a total of 16 seats.

District 1 – North of Fresno County will have 1 member / 1 alternate

District 2 – South of Fresno County will have 1 member / 1 alternate

District 3 – Fresno County will have 14 members / 14 alternates

2. Nominations for independent producer seats will be accepted for a full 60 minutes as follows:

District 1 - **Friday, February 14, 2020 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**  
The Vineyard Restaurant  
605 South "I" Street  
Madera, CA

District 2 - **Friday, February 14, 2020 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**  
Wyndham Visalia (in the lobby)  
9000 West Airport Drive  
Visalia, CA

District 3 - **Friday, February 14, 2020 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
RAC Conference Room  
2445 Capitol Street, Suite 200  
Fresno, CA

(If you are being nominated, it is your option to submit a brief, one paragraph statement about yourself and your interest in serving on the RAC. This information is needed by 5:00 p.m. on February 21<sup>st</sup> to prepare the ballots.)

**Nominations will only be accepted from qualified persons attending the meeting.**

Subsequent to these meetings:

Ballots will be mailed to all independent producers recording 2018/19 deliveries for them to vote for independent producers to represent them on the RAC. To qualify, to nominate, and vote (989.129) as

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an independent grower member, you must own, or be a person who is engaged in a proprietary capacity which produced grapes which have been or will be made into raisins during the current crop year. To qualify to serve (989.27) as an independent grower member you must be actively engaged in a business of the group, which he/she represents in either his/her own behalf, or as an officer, agent, or an employee of a business entity, which produced grapes that have been or will be made into raisins during the current crop year. Additionally, to qualify as an independent grower, you must not be a member of the RBA, Sun-Maid, nor sold your raisins for cash to Sun-Maid during the current crop year.

The RAC offers the opportunity for all segments of the California raisin industry to be represented and invites qualified women, minorities, and physically challenged candidates to attend district nomination meetings and express their intent in membership. We ask that you be mindful of the USDA's policy on Civil Rights and consider all eligible persons for membership on the Committee.

Questionnaires will be provided to those nominated, by USDA, either by email or mail.

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