

MEXICAN HASS AVOCADO IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION 2021 OFFICIAL IMPORTER BALLOT



PLEASE FOLLOW THESE FOUR STEPS:

1. Determine your voting eligibility
2. Sign your ballot (required)
3. Check the appropriate voting boxes
4. Return ballot

BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY Monday, August 2, 2021

See reverse side for further information →

VOTER ELIGIBILITY, CERTIFICATION AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1: To be eligible to vote, you must currently meet the definition of a Hass avocado importer member of MHAIA: Under the Hass Avocado Promotion, Research and Information Order, 7 CFR Part 1219, an IMPORTER is defined as: Any person who imports Hass avocados into the United States. The term includes a person who holds title to Hass avocados produced outside of the United States immediately upon release by Customs, as well as any person who acts on behalf of others, as an agent, broker, or consignee, to secure the release of Hass avocados from Customs and the introduction of the released Hass avocados into the current of commerce and who is listed in the import records of Customs as the importer of record for such Hass avocados.

If you do not meet the criteria, check the box to the right and return your ballot without completing it.

STEP 2: If you are an eligible importer of Hass avocados from Mexico, complete the certification and voting sections below.

I certify that I am an importer of Hass avocados in the United States and I am a Member of the MHAIA.

Name (Please Print)

Your legal or business entity name

Email Address

Current Mailing Address

Signature

**UNSIGNED BALLOTS ARE INVALID AND WILL NOT BE COUNTED
(Electronic signatures are valid)**

STEP 3: There are two Director seats and corresponding Alternate seats open for this election. Vote for no more than one (1) Nominee (including write-ins) by placing a check (✓) in the left column next to your preference. If you vote for more than one, your ballot will be disqualified. If you wish to vote for an importer whose name is not on the ballot, you may write the name of the person in the blank space and check the appropriate space. Nominees are organized alphabetically. The two nominees receiving the most votes will be elected to Director and the following two nominees with the highest number of votes will fill the Alternate seats.

Vote ✓	DIRECTOR NOMINEES
	Aaron Acosta, La Bonanza
	Gary Caloroso, Giumarra
	Gahl Crane, Ecofarms
	Stephen Fink, Mission Produce
	Peter Shore, Calavo

STEP 4: Mail this ballot to **Ron Lopez, Gruber and Associates CPAs, 438 Old Newport Blvd, Newport Beach, CA 92663** or email to lopez@gruber-inc.com. **Ballot must be received by COB Monday, August 2, 2021**

ADDITIONAL VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

All terms run for two years and begin Thursday, September 23, 2021.

Please cast your ballot for the nominees OR WRITE IN THE IMPORTER NAME OF YOUR CHOICE. If you choose to write in a candidate name, you must include their full name and contact information. Each Hass Avocado importer company who is a member of MHAIA is entitled to submit one ballot. If more than one ballot is submitted by the same importing company, only one will be counted. An unsigned ballot or incomplete Certification Statement will disqualify the ballot.

Signed ballots must be returned to GRUBER AND ASSOCIATES, **Ron Lopez, Gruber and Associates CPAs, 438 Old Newport Blvd, Newport Beach, CA 92663** or via email to rlopez@gruber-inc.com **Ballots must be received no later than close of business on Monday, August 2, 2021.** Ballots received after this date will not be counted.

If you have any questions regarding the ballot, please contact Ron Campbell at (410) 877-3142 or (202) 253-1683.