

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 SPECIALTY CROPS PROGRAM

**PRODUCER REFERENDUM BALLOT ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
 OF MARKETING ORDER NO. 989, AS AMENDED, REGULATING THE HANDLING OF
 RAISINS PRODUCED FROM GRAPES GROWN IN CALIFORNIA**

THIS BALLOT WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING VOTER ELIGIBILITY AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS BALLOT. YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE MUST BE POSTMARKED BY _____, 20__ TO BE VALID.

- I hereby certify that I am an eligible producer of grapes for sun-drying or dehydration into raisins, and during the period from _____, 20__ through _____, 20__, I produced: _____ tons (dried weight) of raisins for market. This tonnage was produced from _____ acres. (NOTE: If you are farming on a share-crop basis, report only that part of the tonnage representing your share.)
- Please indicate the following about the business entity for which you are voting:
☐ Individual ☐ Trust ☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation

If a partnership, insert name and mailing address of partner(s): _____

- Is your business entity a voting member of the Raisin Bargaining Association? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Is your business entity a voting member of Sun-Maid Growers of California? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Did the entity deliver raisins for cash to Sun-Maid during the representative period? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 What was the tonnage delivered to Sun-Maid as a cash grower during that period? _____ tons

Cast your vote for each of the following eight questions.

(Indicate your vote by placing an "X" in one of the boxes below for each of the proposed amendments).

- DO YOU FAVOR REDUCING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP SIZE FROM 47 TO 21 MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES, REMOVING PRODUCER DISTRICT REPRESENTATION AND ADDING AN UNAFFILIATED PRODUCER MEMBER SEAT, REMOVING THE DESIGNATED BARGAINING ASSOCIATION SEAT, AND LOWERING QUORUM REQUIREMENTS FROM 25 TO 14?**
☐ Yes ☐ No
- DO YOU FAVOR ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT FOR SEPARATE NOMINATIONS FOR INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS OR PRODUCERS AFFILIATED WITH SMALL COOPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS?**
☐ Yes ☐ No
- DO YOU FAVOR UPDATING THE MARKETING POLICY TO REMOVE FACTOR NUMBER 4 "AN ESTIMATED DESIRABLE CARRYOUT AT THE END OF THE CROP YEAR" AND THE LAST PART OF FACTOR NUMBER 5 "CONSIDERING THE ESTIMATED WORLD RAISIN SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION," AND ADDING LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY RECONDITIONED RAISINS, INSPECTED AND CERTIFIED AS MEETING MINIMUM GRADE AND QUALITY, ARE STANDARD RAISINS ELIGIBLE FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSITION AS NATURAL CONDITION RAISINS OR PACKED RAISINS IN NORMAL OUTLETS?**
☐ Yes ☐ No

Voting continued on the back of this page.

Please remember to sign this ballot to make your vote count!

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☐ Yes ☐ No

Producer/Grower Name (_____) **Telephone Number** _____ **Email Address** _____

***Authorized Signature** (Producer/Grower or Authorized Officer) **Title** (Producer/Grower or Authorized Officer)
 Your Signature Validates Your Vote – please sign.

 Mailing Address of Authorized Signatory (incl. Street, City, State, and Zip Code)

*A producer/grower may sign this ballot on behalf of himself. If this ballot is cast by an *authorized officer or employee* of a producer, such as a corporation, association, institution, school, or similar business unit, or as an *administrator, executor, or trustee* of a producing estate, the authorized signature is certifying to the Secretary of Agriculture that they have authority to cast this Ballot for the producer named above and will submit evidence of such authority at the request of an Agent of the Secretary of Agriculture.

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