



## 2012 ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPEN SEATS on the HASS AVOCADO BOARD

### HASS AVOCADO IMPORTER MEMBERS & ALTERNATES

The Hass Avocado Board (HAB) announces the availability of 6 open importer seats on the Board of Directors, 2 member seats and 4 alternate member seats. Persons appointed to fill 4 of these seats will serve on the Board from November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2015, and 1 alternate vacancy term will be from November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2013, and 1 from November 1, 2012 to October 31, 2014.

**Importers who are interested in serving as a Member or Alternate Member of the Hass Avocado Board must complete and return the form provided below. Completed forms may be faxed or mailed, but must be received at the Hass Avocado Board office no later May 11, 2012.**

General requirements for nomination and election are as follows:

- To be eligible to serve on the Board as an importer member or alternate, or to be eligible to nominate persons other than themselves, importers must certify that they are involved in, as a substantial activity, the importation of Hass avocados for sale or marketing in the United States (either directly or as an agent, broker, or consignee of any person that produces Hass avocados outside of the United States for sale in the United States) and are subject to assessments under the Order, and are listed by the United States Customs Service as the importer of record for such Hass avocados. A substantial activity means that the volume of an importer's Hass avocado imports must exceed the volume of the importer's production or handling of domestic Hass avocados.

Following receipt of nominee names, HAB will conduct an election process to arrive at two names for each open seat. The names of those receiving the highest number of votes for the available seats will be submitted to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary will make the final decision on who will be appointed to fill the open seats. For information, call HAB at 949-341-3250.

If you are an eligible importer and would like to be considered as a candidate for the Importer Member and/or Alternate seat, complete and sign below and return this form to the Hass Avocado Board.

By my signature I hereby certify that I meet the conditions of eligibility to serve on, or nominate an importer to serve on the Hass Avocado Board.

I am interested in being a:  **MEMBER**  
 **ALTERNATE**

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be received in HAB office no later than May 11, 2012**

**Return via FAX to: Hass Avocado Board, 949-341-3253;  
scan and email to [yseebach@avohq.com](mailto:yseebach@avohq.com), or mail to:  
HAB Open Seats, 230 Commerce, # 190, Irvine, CA 92602**

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