



August 28, 2015

**GRAPE CRUSH DISTRICT 3 WINEGRAPE GROWERS APPROVE
CONTINUATION OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WINEGRAPE COMMISSION**

TO ALL SONOMA COUNTY WINEGRAPE GROWERS:

In a recently completed referendum, Grape Crush District 3 winegrape growers approved the continuation of the Sonoma County Winegrape Commission (Commission). Such a reapproval vote is required every five years. Of the winegrape growers who voted, 88.19% voted in favor of continuing the operations of the Commission.

Number of producers on the list	1,298
Number of producers who voted in the referendum	364
Number of producers voting in favor of continuation	321
Percentage of valid ballots received that voted in favor of continuation	88.19%

Based on this vote of approval, the California Department of Food and Agriculture has authorized the Commission to operate for another five years.

The Commission has been in existence since 2006 and conducts promotion, advertising, research and outreach activities on behalf of all winegrape growers in Grape Crush District 3. These activities are funded by a mandatory assessment upon winegrape growers in the District.

If you have any questions regarding the referendum or the Commission, please contact Karissa Kruse, CEO of the Sonoma County Winegrape Commission, at (707) 522-5860, or Ben Kardokus of this office at the number below.

Sincerely,

Robert Maxie, Chief
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