



November 2, 2015

**LAKE COUNTY WINEGRAPE GROWER COMMISSION
CONTINUATION REFERENDUM
(Voting Period Ends Tuesday, December 1, 2015)**

TO THE GRAPE CRUSH DISTRICT 2 WINEGRAPE GROWER ADDRESSED:

As required by the California Winegrape Growers Commission Law, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is conducting a continuation referendum among winegrape growers in Grape Crush District 2 to determine whether or not the Lake County Winegrape Commission should continue for another five year period. Enclosed with this cover letter are the following:

- Continuation Referendum Ballot
- Pre-paid Return Envelope

Reapproval: In order for the Lake County Winegrape Grower Commission to be re-approved and continue for up to a five year period, a majority of the eligible winegrape growers voting in the referendum must vote in favor of continuance.

Voter Eligibility: The California Winegrape Growers Commission Law defines an eligible grower as any person who produces and markets winegrapes in the District during the preceding marketing season (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) in a quantity of more than 25 tons. Additionally, unless otherwise exempted, the definition also includes any landlord who receives winegrapes as payment for the use of his or her property in the production of winegrapes.

Voting Period: In order for your ballot to be counted, it must be completed, signed and postmarked no later than **December 1, 2015**. A summary of the referendum results will be announced following the tabulation of the ballots. Individual votes and all information provided on individual ballots will be kept confidential.

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If you have any questions about this referendum, please call Ben Kardokus at this office. Also, please notify us as soon as possible if you know of anyone who should have received a ballot but did not.

Sincerely,



Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch

Enclosures