



November 2, 2015

**LODI WINEGRAPE COMMISSION
CONTINUATION REFERENDUM
(Voting Period Ends Tuesday, December 1, 2015)**

TO THE GRAPE CRUSH DISTRICT 11 WINEGRAPE PRODUCER 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 producers in Grape Crush District 11 to determine whether or not the Lodi Winegrape Crush District #11 Local Commission (commonly known as the Lodi 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 Lodi Winegrape Commission to be re-approved and continue for up to a five year period, a majority of the eligible winegrape producers voting in the referendum must vote in favor of continuance.

Voter Eligibility: The California Winegrape Growers Commission Law defines an eligible producer for Grape Crush District 11 as any person who produces and markets winegrapes in the District during the preceding marketing season (July 1, 20014-June 30, 2015) in a quantity of more than 25 tons. Additionally, unless otherwise exempted, producer 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, all applicable portions of the ballot must be completed. In addition, the ballot must be *postmarked or otherwise received by this office no later than Tuesday, December 1, 2015.*

Referendum Results: 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.

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

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