

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PETITION, ACCEPTANCE and CANDIDATE STATEMENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. Collect signatures of at least 15 (fifteen) Blue Diamond Grower members of good standing, including their signature, residence, city/county and contract number on the Petition for Nomination of Candidate form.
2. Complete the Nominee's Acceptance form.
3. Prepare optional 500-word candidate statement using the template provided. This statement will be included with election materials sent to all Blue Diamond members.
4. Submit all forms to the Corporate Secretary, Simone Denny, by end of day on September 1. Only petitions, acceptance forms and candidate statements received by the Corporate Secretary by the September 1 deadline will be considered.

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- Simone Denny
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Sacramento, CA 95811

Overview of Participation on Blue Diamond Growers Board of Directors

Those considering running for a director position should understand there is a significant time commitment for the three-year position. Day-long board meetings occur typically five times each year. Directors also participate on various committees of the Board which typically occur the day before a board meeting. In addition, attendance at Grower Liaison Committee (twice a year) and Advisory Committee (once a year) meetings is common practice. Additionally, the board and management have an annual three-day strategic planning session. Invitations to represent Blue Diamond at political fundraisers and other events/meetings also commonly occur. Preparation time for board and committee meetings and the travel time to meetings and events needs to be considered.

Directors should:

- Act in a manner consistent with their fiduciary duties of loyalty and care.
- Demonstrate integrity and independent judgment, including the ability to understand and exercise sound judgment on issues related to the corporation's goals.
- Have business or professional skills and experience that will contribute to the effectiveness of the Board and its committees.
- Intend to foster long-term value for the corporation's members.
- Act in the interests of all members rather than any particular member constituency, while understanding and balancing the concerns of other stakeholders, including employees, customers, and communities.
- Be willing to challenge management constructively about corporate strategy, the adequacy of internal resources and the soundness of controls, and to insist upon a management tone and environment that values accuracy in accounting, transparency in reporting and integrity in business conduct.
- Be able to work as part of a team in an environment of trust.
- In light of their other commitments, be willing and able to devote the time and effort necessary to serve as an effective director, including preparation for board and committee meetings.

**NOMINEE'S ACCEPTANCE FOR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Directorial District No. _____

I hereby accept the foregoing nomination for the office of Director of Blue Diamond Growers from
Directorial District No. _____.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Residence: _____

City/County: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Contract
Name: _____

Contract
Number: _____

Contract
Type: MB5 MBA

Dated: _____

**PETITION FOR
NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Directorial District No. _____

The undersigned members of Blue Diamond Growers who are included within this district for the purpose of election, hereby nominate to the office of director of Blue Diamond Growers, the following member:

Nominee: _____
(Print or Type)

* Member's Name and Nominee's Title:

Address _____
(Street/City/County/Zip)

Phone(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Said person being a member of Blue Diamond Growers who is included in the District for the purpose of election (or duly designated representative of a member other than a natural person which is included in the District for the purpose of election).

Dated: _____

* Where Member is other than a natural person such as a corporation.

	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>City/County/Zip</u>	<u>Contract No.</u>
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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

STATEMENTS EXPRESS THE OPINION OF THE NOMINEE AND ARE PRESENTED IN THE FORM IN WHICH THEY ARE RECEIVED. FACTS SHOWN ARE FROM THE NOMINEE AND ARE NOT VERIFIED OR CORRECTED (IF INACCURATE) BY BLUE DIAMOND MANAGEMENT.

NAME: _____ DISTRICT # _____
