

March 24, 2022

Administrative Committee for Pistachios
4938 East Yale Avenue, Suite 102
Fresno, CA 93727

Re: District 1 Candidate Statement

Dear ACP Voters:

Hello, my name is Hiroki Hiura and I am honored to have been nominated to serve as a District 1 member for the *Administrative Committee for Pistachios*.

I currently work as the Senior Director of Quality Systems at Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, where I have spent the past six years overseeing our food safety, regulatory and quality programs. Prior to this, I was employed at Wonderful Pistachios & Almonds for 13 years in a similar capacity.

Having been in the pistachio business for nearly 20 years now, I am intimately familiar with the major industry issues we have tackled during this time. From aflatoxin challenges to concerns about *Salmonella* and new regulatory requirements, I have been involved with taking on these issues and working with the industry to come up with viable plans and solutions. More recently, I was actively engaged in working with the Pistachio Alliance to help get the first aflatoxin rework facility for pistachios approved in Europe.

If I am voted in as a member, I would bring a wealth of experience to the ACP and I pledge to work diligently toward our continued efforts to represent the pistachio industry the right way. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Hiroki Hiura
Sr. Director of Quality Systems
Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc.