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STATE OF ILLINOIS )
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK )

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, 6th WARD.

IN RE: OBJECTION OF )
Cassandra Holbert )
TO THE NOMINATING PETITION OF )
Walter James Bester, Jr. )
CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN )
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, 6th WARD. )

CASE NO. 83-EB-ALD-21

D E C I S I O N

The duly constituted Municipal Officers Electoral Board, consisting of Michael E. Lavelle, James R. Nolan and Corneal A. Davis, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Michael E. Lavelle, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon Objections to Nomination Petitions for the Office of Alderman of the City of Chicago, 6th Ward, having convened on January 13, 1983, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1707, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois and having heard and determined the objections to the petition in the above entitled matter, finds that:

1. The said Electoral Board has been legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois;

2. Objections to the nominating petition of the candidate herein were duly filed;

3. A call to the hearing on said objections was duly issued and was served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the objector and the candidate by mail and by personal service as provided by statute;

4. A public hearing was held on these objections commencing January 13, 1983;

5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearings: the members of the Electoral Board, the objector, [redacted] by counsel; and the candidate, pro se;

6. The Board heard and considered all evidence and arguments tendered by those appearing at the hearing;

7. The Board ordered an examination of the precinct binders to be conducted by its clerks and agents under the Board's direction and supervision, in accordance with the laws of Illinois and the rules of the Board;

8. Before examination of the precinct binders, the Board directed all parties to appear and to be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives, duly appointed and authorized by said parties;

9. The candidate and/or his duly authorized representatives were present during the examination of the binders at all times;

10. The objector and/or his duly authorized representatives were present during the examination of the binders at all times;

11. Examination of precinct binders was completed;

12. The Board having heard oral argument and considered all evidence hereby finds:

a. The statutory minimum number of signatures required for placement on the ballot is 342

b. The number of signatures filed by the candidate total 450

c. The number of signatures because of objections sustained deemed invalid total 142

d The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 300

The written report of the Board's finding sustaining signature objections are contained in the Board's file in this cause, and is available upon request of a party.

The Board further finds that the number of valid signatures on the nominating petition falls below the minimum number of signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as candidate for election to the Office of Alderman of the City of Chicago, 6th Ward.

The Board: _____

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Objections of Cassandra Holbert to the Nominating Petition of Walter James Bester, Jr. as Candidate for election to the Office of Alderman of the City of Chicago, 6th Ward, are hereby sustained in conformity with the findings of Paragraph 12 hereof and the said petition is hereby declared invalid, and the name of Walter James Bester, Jr. as Candidate for election to the Office of Alderman of the City of Chicago, 6th Ward, shall not be printed on the ballot for the Aldermanic Election to be held on February 22, 1983.

DATED: Chicago, Illinois, this 24th day of January, 1983

Michael E. Lavelle (CHAIRMAN)

James R. Dalen. (MEMBER)

Conrad A. Bauer (MEMBER)