STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS. BCT-ALD
COUNTY OF COOK)

ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS
TO THE NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR
THE OFFICES OF ALDERMAN FOR THE 17TH AND 25TH WARDS
FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO FOR THE FEBRUARY 25, 1997
INTERIM ALDERMANIC ELECTION.

Objections of: Zuletter Ivory	)	
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To the	)	
Nomination Papers of: Willie J. Curtis	)	**No.: 97-EB-ALD-009**
	)	
Candidate for the Office	)	
of Alderman of the 17th Ward.	)	

DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, and RICHARD A. COWEN, organized by law in response to a Call issued by MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon Objections to Nomination Papers of Candidates for the office of Alderman for the City of Chicago, having convened on December 27, 1996, at 11:00 a.m., and having heard and determined the Objections to the Nomination Papers 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 Nomination Papers of the Candidate herein were duly filed;

3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued and served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the Objectors and the Candidate, by mail and by personal service, as provided by statute;

4. A public hearing was held on these Objections commencing on December 27, 1996;

5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector, by counsel; and the Candidate by counsel;

6. The Board ordered an examination of the registration records 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;

7. During this records examination the Board directed all parties to appear and be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives, duly appointed and authorized by said parties;

8. The Candidate and/or his duly authorized representatives having been present during the examination of the registration records at all times;

9. The Objector(s) and/or her duly authorized representatives having been present during the examination of the registration records at all times;

10. The examination of the registration records of the Board was terminated at the request of the Charles Holiday, Assistant Supervisor of the Binder Department;

11. The Board has considered all evidence and arguments tendered by parties.

12. The Board finds that the Candidate has 273 valid signatures on his Nomination Papers which exceeds the minimum number of 185 valid signatures needed to be placed upon the ballot for the office of Alderman of the 17th Ward for the City of Chicago.

13. The Board further finds that the Candidate filed 40 pages of nominating signatures contained in his nominating papers and that such pages were numbered consecutively from "1" to "40" except that the page containing signatures numbered "20" was not bound in order in that it was not bound between pages numbered "19" and "21" but rather was bound between pages

numbered "28" and "29."

14. The Board finds that the Candidate's nominating signature sheets are numbered in a manner that: 1) aides in identification and description of each petition; and 2) prevents tampering, thereby preserving the integrity of the petition and the election process in general.

15. The Board finds, therefore, that the Candidate's nominating petition is in substantial compliance with Section 10-4 of the Election Code. See, e.g. King, et al. v. The Justice Party, et al., 672 N.E.2d 900, 220 Ill.Dec. 83 (First Dist. 1996)

16. The Board further finds that the objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers are overruled and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Zuletter Ivory to the Nomination Papers of Willie J. Curtis, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 17th Ward for the City of Chicago are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of Willie J. Curtis, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 17th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL BE printed on the ballot for the Interim Aldermanic Election to be held on February 25, 1997.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 14th day of January, 1997.

MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, Chairman

ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, Commissioner

RICHARD A. COWEN, Commissioner

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 10-10.1 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-10.1) parties seeking judicial review of this electoral board decision must file a petition seeking judicial review with the circuit court of Cook County within 10 days of the date of this decision.