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**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS TO THE NOMINATION PAPERS OF NEW POLITICAL PARTY CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 1998 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

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| Objections of: Susan D. Snyder | ) | |
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| To the Nomination | ) | |
| Papers of: Marc Loveless | ) | No.: 98-EB-NPP-3 |
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| Candidate for the Nomination of the Green Party for the Office of State Senator for the 17th Legislative District, State of Illinois | ) | |
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## FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago Commissioners Langdon D. Neal, Richard A. Cowen, and Theresa M. Petrone, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Langdon D. Neal, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon Objections of Susan D. Snyder to Nomination Papers of Marc Loveless, Candidate for the nomination of the Green Party for the office of State Senator for the 17th Legislative District of the State of Illinois, having convened on August 17, 1998, in City Hall, 121 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, and having heard and determined the Objections to the Nomination Papers in the above entitled matter, finds that:

1. Objections to the Nomination Papers of the Candidate herein were duly and timely filed.

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

3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued by the Chairman of the Electoral Board and served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector and the Candidate, by certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute.

4. A public hearing was held on these Objections commencing on August 17, 1998 and was continued from to August 25, 1998 and then to August 27, 1998.

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

6. The Board finds that:

   a. Pursuant to State law, the nomination papers of a new political party candidate for the office in question must contain the signatures of not fewer than 2,856 duly qualified, registered and legal voters of the political subdivision or district from which the candidate is seeking nomination.

   b. Assuming that every line entry on every petition sheet filed by the Candidate is a valid signature of a duly qualified, registered and legal voter in the political subdivision or district from the Candidate is seeking nomination, the Candidate's nomination papers would contain, at best, only 2,474 presumptively valid signatures.

7. The Board further finds that the Candidate's nominating petition signature sheets are numbered 1 through 312. However, there are no petition sheet pages numbered 106, or 290 through 299 contained in the petition. Even assuming that the 11 missing petition sheets each contained a maximum of 10 presumptively valid signatures, for a total of 110 presumptively valid signatures, the Board finds that the Candidate's nomination papers would still contain only 2,584 presumptively valid signatures, 272 signatures short of the minimum number of signatures required by law.

8. The Board 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 a candidate of the Green Party for election to the office of State Senator for the 17th Legislative District of the State of Illinois.

9. The Board finds that paragraphs 4, 5 and 11 of the Objector's Petition are sustained in part and overruled in part.

10. For the reasons stated above, the Board finds that the Candidate's nominating petitions are not valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Susan D. Snyder, to the Nomination Papers of Marc Loveless, Candidate for the nomination of the Green Party for the office of State Senator for the 17th Legislative District of the State of Illinois, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared be INVALID and the name of Marc Loveless, Candidate for the nomination of the Green Party for the office of State Senator for the 17th Legislative District of the State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the ballot for the General Election to be held November 3, 1998.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 27th day of August, 1998.

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner/Member

Theresa M. Petrone, Commissioner/Member

**NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 10-10.1 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-10.1) a party aggrieved of this decision and seeking judicial review of this decision must file a petition for judicial review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County within 10 days after the decision of the Electoral Board.**