OBJWD-REP

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 CERTAIN CANDIDATES AND TO PETITIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC POLICY FOR THE MARCH 17, 1998 PRIMARY ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Objections of: Amy S. Hillier	)	
	)	
To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: Katharine Nathan	)	
	)	No.: 98-EB-RGA-11
Candidate for the Nomination of the Democratic	)	
Party for the Office of Representative in The General	)	
Assembly for the 12th Representative District, State	)	
of Illinois	)	

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 Amy S. Hillier to Nomination Papers of Katharine Nathan, Candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 12th Representative District of the State of Illinois, having convened on December 29, 1997, 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 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 and timely filed

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 registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute.

4. A public hearing was held on these Objections commencing on December 29, 1997 and was continued from time to time.

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 assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner Lewis Powell, III for further hearings and proceedings.

7. The Electoral Board ordered that an examination of the registration records 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. The Candidate and the Objector and their duly authorized represntatives were present during the examination of the registration records.

9. The examination of the registration records was completed and the Electoral Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the results of the records examination conducted by its clerks and agents. The written reports of the result of the registration records examination is contained in the Board's file in this case and is available upon request of a party.

10. The results of the records examination indicate the following facts:

    a. The minimum number of valid signatures required by law for placement on the ballot for the office in question is 300;

    b. The number of signatures appearing on the nominating petition filed by the Candidate total 765,

    c. the number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained total 474;

    d The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 291.

11 Following the records examination, the number of valid signatures appearing on the Candidate's nominating petition is below the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed on the ballot for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 12th Representative District of the State of Illinois.

12 The Board finds that the Candidate filed a Rule 8 motion objecting to the records examination findings regarding 35 signatures that were deemed invalid. The Candidate then made an offer of proof that the 35 signatures identified in the Rule 8 motion were genuine and valid signatures of registered voters in the 12th Representative District

13. The Board finds that the Objector Amy S. Hillier has withdrawn her objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

14. The Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against Katharine Nathan, Candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 12th Representative District of the State of Illinois.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of Katharine Nathan, Candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 12th Representative District of the State of Illinois, SHALL be printed on the ballot for the General Primary Election to be held March 17, 1998.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 23rd day of Jan., 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.