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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 NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE FEBRUARY 23, 1999 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION FOR MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND ALDERMAN IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Objections of: LETICIA RANSOM and BRYANT SIMPSON	)
To the Nomination Papers of: ROBERT PALMER	) No.: 99-EB-ALD-103
Candidate for the Office of Alderman of the 5th Ward, City of Chicago	)

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 ("Objections") of LETICIA RANSOM and BRYANT SIMPSON to nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of ROBERT PALMER, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 5th Ward for the City of Chicago ("Candidate"), having convened on December 28, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 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 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 Objectors and the Candidate, by registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on December 28, 1998 and was continued from time to time.

5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the members of the Electoral Board, and Objectors LETICIA RANSOM and BRYANT SIMPSON, by counsel, and the Candidate ROBERT PALMER, pro se.

6. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner LYNNE OSTFELD for further hearings and proceedings.

7. The Board finds that on January 19, 1999, the Candidate filed papers with the Board of Election Commissioners withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that his/her name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the name of ROBERT PALMER, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 5th Ward of the City of Chicago SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman to be conducted in the City of Chicago on February 23, 1999.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this Twenty-Eighth day of January, 1999.

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner

Theresa M. Petrone, Commissioner

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.