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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: BERTHA M. ARRINGTON	)	
	)	
To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: MILTON H. JENKINS	)	No.: 99-EB-ALD-173
	)	
Candidate for the office of	)	
Alderman of the 15th Ward	)	

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 BERTHA M. ARRINGTON to nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of MILTON H. JENKINS, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 15th 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 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 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, the Objector, BERTHA M. ARRINGTON, pro se; and the Candidate, MILTON H. JENKINS, pro se.

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

7. The Objector's petition contains various objections to the validity of the signatures contained on the Candidate's Nomination Papers

8. The Electoral Board finds that the minimum signature requirement for candidates for the office of Alderman of the 15th Ward of the City of Chicago is 240.

9. The Electoral Board finds that 17 of the first 50 sheets of the Candidate's nominating petition have no objections to the circulator of those sheets and contain 233 signatures to which there are no objections. Further, the Electoral Board finds that the remaining sheets had 9 sheets to which there were no objections to the circulator or to 139 signatures on those sheets. Therefore, even assuming that all of the objections were true, the Candidate would have at least 372 valid signatures to which there was no objection, or 132 more than the minimum required by law.

10. The Board finds that the Candidate has a sufficient number of valid signatures on his Nomination Papers to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 15th Ward of the City of Chicago.

11. The Board further finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Objections of BERTHA M. ARRINGTON, to the Nomination Papers of MILTON H. JENKINS, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 15th Ward of the City of Chicago are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of MILTON H. JENKINS, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 15th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman to be held 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.