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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 MARCH 21, 2000 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR STATE SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WARD COMMITTEEMAN IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Objections of: SHERRI WATSON DACE	)	
	)	
To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: LEON STOCKSTILL	)	
	)	No. 00-EB-WC-014
Candidate for the office of Ward Committeeman for	)	
the 20th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican	)	
Party	)	

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 SHERRI WATSON DACE ("Objector(s)") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of LEON STOCKSTILL, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 20th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party ("Candidate"), having convened on January 10, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 800, 69 West Washington 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 Objectors(s) 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 January 10, 2000 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner ROBIN SHOFFNER for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector(s) and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Examiner on the date and at the time designated in the Call. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector(s), SHERRI WATSON DACE, by counsel; and the Candidate, LEON STOCKSTILL, by counsel.

7. Section 10-8 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-8) states in part that the objector's petition shall "give the objector's name and residence address."

8. The Electoral Board finds that the objector's petition consists of a three page document that lists the name on the address of the attorney filing the petition for the objector but does not include the name or address of the objector named in the caption.

9. The Electoral board finds that the residence address requirement of Section 10-8 is mandatory, not directory, and the failure to include the objector's residence address on the face of the objector's petition renders it void. *Pochie v. Cook County Officers Electoral Board,* 289 Ill.App.3d 585, 682 N.E.2d 258 (First Dist. 1997). Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the objector's petition is void.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of SHERRI WATSON DACE to the Nomination Papers of LEON STOCKSTILL, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 20th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of LEON STOCKSTILL, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 20th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 21, 2000.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 1st day of February, 2000.

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.