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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: PERCY COLEMAN	)
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To the Nomination	)
Papers of: JULIA M. ROSS	)
	) No. 00-EB-WC-023
Candidate for the office of Ward Committeeman for	)
the 34th 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 PERCY COLEMAN ("Objector(s)") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of JULIA M. ROSS, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 34th 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 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 RICHARD GIRARD 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), PERCY COLEMAN; and the Candidate, JULIA M. ROSS.

7. The Electoral Board finds that pursuant to Section 10-8 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-8) the objector's petition shall in part "state fully the nature of the objections to the certificate of nomination or nomination papers."

8. The Electoral Board finds that the allegations in the objection petition stated that "the Candidate and her Petition Signers are not legal [sic] qualified Primary voters of the 34th Ward Republican Party, and many also signed the petition of the Democratic Candidate; which is shown on the nomination papers as required by law and thus the Statement of Candidacy and the Petition Signatures are false and perjurious." The objection petition also stated that "[B]ecause of the above listed irregularities in the sworn Statement of Candidacy and Petition signatures the nomination papers are invalid in their entirety.

9. The Electoral Board finds that the Objector's petition filed in this cause failed to fully state why the Candidate and the signers of the Candidate's nominating petition were not legal qualified primary voters of the 34th Ward Republican Party.

10. The Electoral Board finds that the Objector failed to specifically identify which of the petition sheets or signatures contained the alleged defects and irregularities and therefore the Objector's petition fails to fully state the nature of the objections and is invalid.

11. The Electoral Board finds that where an objector's petition that makes general allegations with regard to candidate's nomination papers without specifically identifying which of the petition sheets or signatures contain the alleged defects of irregularities and where no appendix-recapitulation was filed with objector's petition identifying the specific petition sheets and alleged defects therein, the objector's petition fails to fully state the nature of the objections and is invalid. *Ligas v. Martinez,* 95-EB-ALD-134, CBEC, January 17, 1995; *Whitehead v. Hodges,* 91-EB-ALD-047, January 16, 1991.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of PERCY COLEMAN to the Nomination Papers of JULIA M. ROSS, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 34th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of JULIA M. ROSS, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 34th 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 20th day of January, 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.