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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: WILLIE POTTS	)	
	)	
To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: AARON GOLDEN	)	
	)	No. 00-EB-WC-040
Candidate for the office of Ward Committeeman for	)	
the 37th 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 WILLIE POTTS ("Objector(s)") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of AARON GOLDEN, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 37th 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 RICHARD ZULKEY 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), WILLIE POTTS, pro se; and the Candidate, AARON GOLDEN, by counsel.

7. The Objector alleges that the Candidate's nomination papers are invalid because his name appears differently on his Statement of Candidacy than on his petition nomination sheets.

8. The Electoral Board finds that the heading on the Candidate's Statement of Candidacy has the hand written name "Aaron Gold Golden." The name in the text of the Statement of Candidacy and the signature is that of "Aaron Golden." The Candidate's nominating petition sheets list his name as "Aaron Golden." The inclusion of the word "Gold" (or "Golden," depending on how one reads it) was a scrivener's error due to the lack of enough space in the box reserved for the candidate's name to include all of the letters of the Candidate's last name.

9. The Electoral Board finds that a candidate's Statement of Candidacy is not rendered invalid solely because his name appears in a different form than on his petition sheets. *Garza v. Blackmon,* 91-EB-ALD-010, CBEC, January 23, 1991. Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate's nominating papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of WILLIE POTTS to the Nomination Papers of AARON GOLDEN, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 37th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of AARON GOLDEN, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 37th 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.