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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD

Objections of: DANIELLE E. COLYER	)
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To the Nomination	)
Papers of: CHRISTOPHER LAI WONG	)
	) No. 02-EB-RGA-06
Candidate for the office of Representative in the	)
General Assembly, 5th Representative District,	)
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, Theresa M. Petrone and Richard A. Cowen, 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 DANIELLE E. COLYER ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of CHRISTOPHER LAI WONG, candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 5th Representative District, Republican Party ("Candidate"), having convened on January 8, 2002, 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 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 January 8, 2002 and was continued from time to time.

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

6. The Objector 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 DANIELLE E. COLYER, by counsel; and the Candidate CHRISTOPHER LAI WONG, *pro se.*

7. Paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of the Objector's petition allege that the Candidate's Nomination Papers contain sheets circulated by an individual, Mr. Lovell Toliver, who circulated petition sheets for a candidate of another political party, specifically for Mr. Andrew Boron, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the same office at the March 19, 2002 General Primary Election. As a result, it is alleged that those nominating petition sheets are invalid in their entirety and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers contain less than 300 validly collected signatures of qualified and duly registered legal voters of the 5th Representative District, the minimum number of signatures required by Illinois law.

8. At the January 8 2002 hearing in this matter, the Candidate stipulated on the record that the allegations in paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of the Objector's petition were true in fact and in law and further stipulated that, as a result of these facts as admitted, the Candidate had fewer than the 300 valid signatures required by law.

9. The Electoral Board finds, therefore, that paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of the Objector's petition are sustained and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid because they contain less than 300 validly collected signatures of qualified and duly registered legal voters of the 5th Representative District as required by law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of DANIELLE E. COLYER to the Nomination papers of CHRISTOPHER LAI WONG, candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 5th Representative District, Republican Party, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of CHRISTOPHER LAI WONG, candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 5th Representative District, Republican Party, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 19, 2002.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 18th day of January, 2002.

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

Theresa M. Petrone, Commissioner

Richard A. Cowen, 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.