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

Objections of: STEVEN BOONE	)	
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To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: DONNA JEAN RAMEY	)	No.: 03-EB-ALD-132
	)	
Candidate for the office of	)	[related to 03-EB-ALD-135]
Alderman of the Twentieth Ward,	)	
City of Chicago	)	

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 STEVEN BOONE ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of DONNA JEAN RAMEY, candidate for the office of Alderman of the Twentieth Ward of the City of Chicago ("Candidate") to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 25, 2003, having convened on December 30, 2002, at 10:00 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 December 30, 2002 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner BARBARA GOODMAN 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, STEVEN BOONE, by counsel; and the Candidate, DONNA JEAN RAMEY, pro se.

7. The sole issue raised by the Objections is whether the Candidate resided in the Twentieth Ward for two years prior to the date of the February 25, 2002 election.

8. The Hearing Examiner received extensive evidence and testimony regarding the Candidate's residency and concluded that, even assuming that the two-year durational residency in the ward requirement under 65 ILCS 20/21-14(a) is constitutional and is applied, the Candidate would still have met that requirement and all lesser durational requirements in the Ward and in the City. Therefore, the Hearing Examiner recommends that the Objections be overruled.

9. The Electoral Board adopts the Hearing Examiner's recommended findings and conclusions of law and finds that the Objections should be and the same are overruled and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

10. The Electoral Board further finds that there are other objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers in case number 03-EB-ALD-135 and that the Electoral Board has determined in that case that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of STEVEN BOONE to the Nomination Papers of DONNA JEAN RAMEY, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Twentieth Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of DONNA JEAN RAMEY, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Twentieth Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 25, 2003.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this Tenth day of February, 2003.

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.