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

Objections of: MICHELLE HARRIS	)	
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To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: SHANNON WASHINGTON	)	No.: 03-EB-ALD-142
	)	
Candidate for the Office of	)	
Alderman of the Eighth Ward, City of Chicago	)	
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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 MICHELLE HARRIS ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of SHANNON WASHINGTON, candidate for the office of Alderman of the Eighth 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 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 JOHN R. ASHENDEN 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 Trial Call. In the Hearing Examiner's absence, the Board's General Counsel, James M. Scanlon, conducted a case management conference in this matter on January 2, 2003 at the time indicated in the Board's trial call for hearing. The following persons, among others, were present at such conference; the Objector, MICHELLE HARRIS, by her attorney; and the Candidate, SHANNON WASHINGTON, pro se.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on January 2, 2003, the Objector filed a motion to withdraw her Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board hereby grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

8. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of SHANNON WASHINGTON, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Eighth 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 Seventh day of January 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.