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

Objections of: PEARLIE MCNEAL HUGHES	)	
To the Nomination Papers of: WILL T. ROBERTS JR	)	No.: 03-EB-ALD-147
Candidate for the office of Alderman of the Second 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 PEARLIE MCNEAL HUGHES ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of WILL T. ROBERTS JR, candidate for the office of Alderman of the Second 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. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner JOAN T. AGNEW for further hearings and proceedings.

5. 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. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on January 2, 2003 at 12:42 PM. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing; the Objector, Pearlie McNeal Hughes and her counsel. The Candidate did not respond when the case was called and neither did he or any representative appear. The case was recalled a

second time at 1:02 P.M and again at 1:19 P.M. At no time did the Candidate appear or respond to the calls of the cases.

6. The Objector and the Objector's attorney, Robert Anderson, represented to the Hearing Examiner that the Candidate was present at 11:00 A.M but that he stated to both of them that he was not going to remain for the hearing.

7. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, WILL T. ROBERTS JR, was served personally with a copy of the Electoral Board's Call to the January 2, 2003 meeting by certified mail on December 30, 2002. A receipt was signed by Will T. Roberts acknowledging receipt of the certified mail item is included with Group Exhibit C.

8. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, WILL T. ROBERTS JR, did not appear at the duly called meeting and hearing conducted in this matter after having been duly served with a copy of the Call and having been notified of the meeting and hearing in this cause as required by law.

9. The Electoral Board further finds that the Objector's petition, on its face, contains sufficient allegations, if accepted as true, to invalidate the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

10. Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, WILL T. ROBERTS JR, is in default, that the Objections are sustained, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of PEARLIE MCNEAL HUGHES to the Nomination Papers of WILL T. ROBERTS JR, candidate for election to the office Alderman of the Second Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of WILL T. ROBERTS JR, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Second Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 25, 2003.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this Thirty-First 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.