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

Objections of: LARRY G. NELSON	)
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To the Nomination	)
Papers of: SONDRA SPELLMAN	) No.: 03-EB-ALD-167
	)
Candidate for the Office of	) [related to 03-EB-ALD-153]
Alderman of the Twenty-fourth 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 LARRY G. NELSON ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of SONDRA SPELLMAN, candidate for the office of Alderman of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of Chicago ("Candidate") to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held 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 continued for further proceedings.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner TERENCE E. FLYNN for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Examiner on the date and at the time designated in the Trial Call. The following

persons, among others, were present at such hearing; the Objector, LARRY G. NELSON, pro se; and the Candidate, SONDRA SPELLMAN, pro se.

7. The Board finds that on January 16, 2003, the Candidate filed papers with the Board of Election Commissioners withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that her name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

8. The Electoral Board also finds that another set of objections was filed against the Candidate in case number 03-EB-ALD-153 and that the objections in that case are also rendered moot by virtue of the Candidate's withdrawal as a candidate for election.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of SONDRA SPELLMAN, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Twenty-fourth 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 Twenty-Eighth 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.