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

Objections of: KELROD LEAKS	)	
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To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: JERRY WASHINGTON	)	
	)	No. 06-EB-RGA-07
Candidate for the office of	)	
Representative in the General Assembly, 6th	)	
Representative District, State of Illinois,	)	
Democratic Party	)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Chicago Board of Election 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 KELROD LEAKS ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of JERRY WASHINGTON, candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 6th Representative District, State of Illinois ("Candidate"), having convened on January 3, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., in the Conference Room, Eighth Floor, 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 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 3, 2006 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner MARIO CORREA for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Examiner for a hearing on the date and at the time designated on the Electoral Board's docket. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, KELROD LEAKS, appearing *pro se*; and the Candidate, JERRY WASHINGTON, appearing *pro se*.

7. Subsequent to the initial hearing before the Hearing Examiner, several proceedings were conducted in this matter, including an examination of the registration records conducted by clerks and agents under the Board's direction and supervision, in accordance with the laws of Illinois and the rules of the Board and a meeting of the Electoral Board regarding this matter on January 20, 2006.

8. On January 24, 2006, the Candidate filed with the Illinois State Board of Elections a Withdrawal of Candidacy form withdrawing as a candidate for the March 21, 2006 primary election and requesting that his name not be printed on the official ballot for said election.

9. The Electoral Board finds that, in light of the Candidate's withdrawal as a candidate for the March 21, 2006, the Objections against his Nomination Papers are moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of JERRY WASHINGTON, candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 6th Representative District, State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 21, 2006.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 26th day of January, 2006.

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.