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

Objections of: MELVIN DELK and LARRY NELSON	)	
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To the Nomination	)	**No.: 07-EB-ALD-082**
Papers of: JOE ANN BRADLEY	)	**(rel. 07-EB-ALD-184)**
	)	
Candidate for the office of	)	
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 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 MELVIN DELK and LARRY NELSON ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of JOE ANN BRADLEY, 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 on February 27, 2007, having convened on January 2, 2007, 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 Objectors 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 2, 2007 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner Gerald Mullin 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 Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objectors, MELVIN DELK and LARRY NELSON, *pro se*.

7. The Candidate, JOE ANN BRADLEY, did not answer to the call nor did he appear at the hearing. The case was called again at least three times on January 2, 2007 and at no time did the Candidate or any representative of the Candidate appear.

8. The Electoral Board finds that on December 28, 2006 at 8:09 a.m. the Cook County Sheriff personally served the Candidate at the address listed on her Nomination Papers with a copy of the Objector's Petition and with a copy of the Call to the January 2, 2007 hearing.

9. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, JOE ANN BRADLEY, did not appear at any of the duly called meetings and hearings conducted in this matter after numerous attempts to have the Candidate served with a copy of the Call by the means of service specified in the statute.

10. 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.

11. Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, JOE ANN BRADLEY, 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 MELVIN DELK AND LARRY NELSON to the Nomination Papers of JOE ANN BRADLEY, candidate for election to the office Alderman of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of JOE ANN BRADLEY, 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 27, 2007.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 9th day of January 2007.

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

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.