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

Objections of: James Wilson	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No. 11-EB-ALD-174
Papers of: Steven E. Pleasant	)	
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	)	
Candidate for the office of Alderman, 37th	)	
Ward, City of Chicago	)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Chicago Board of Election Commissioners Langdon D. Neal, Richard A. Cowen, and Marisel A. Hernandez, 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 James Wilson ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of Steven E. Pleasant, candidate for election to the office of Alderman, 37th Ward ("Candidate"), having convened on 12/6/2010, at 9:00 a.m., at 69 W. Washington Street, 8th Floor Conference Room, 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 12/6/2010 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Ernesto D. Borges, Jr. for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Officer for a hearing on the date and at the time designated on the Electoral Board's Initial Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, James Wilson, by attorney, James Nally; and the Candidate, Steven E. Pleasant, pro se.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on December 5, 2010, the Objector moved to withdraw Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

8. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no other objections pending against the candidate's nominating papers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of James Wilson are withdrawn and this case is dismissed as moot and the Nomination Papers of Steven E. Pleasant are declared VALID and the name of Steven E. Pleasant SHALL be printed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of Alderman of the 37th Ward of the City of Chicago at the Municipal General Election to be conducted on February 22, 2011..

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 7, 2011.

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner

Marisel A. Hernandez, 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 5 days after service of the decision of the Electoral Board.

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

JAMES WILSON		)	
	Objectors,	)	
		)	**No.: 11-EB-ALD-174**
vs.		)	
		)	
STEVEN E. PLEASANT,	Candidate,	)	

Hearing Officer: Ernesto D. Borges, Jr.

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Hearing Officer's Report and Recommended Decision

I. **History of Case**

This matter came before the hearing officer on December 6, 2010 at approximately 12:20 p.m. Objector James Wilson appeared, through his Attorney James P. Nally, as well as Candidate Steven E. Pleasant, Pro Se. Also present were Clerk Elizabeth Mack and Court Reporter Cordelia Busse Wert. The hearing officer inquired into the merits of this case. The objections of this case addressed whether Candidate's Nomination Papers contained at least 152 validly collected signatures of qualified and duly registered legal voters of the 37th Ward, City of Chicago, signed by such voters in their own proper person with proper addresses, in accordance with the Illinois Election Code.

At said hearing, Attorney Nally indicated that the Objector's Petition had been withdrawn on December 5, 2010. Said withdraw had been filed with the Chicago Board of Elections.

II. **Findings of Fact**

Candidate had requisite number of valid signatures to be placed on the ballot.

III. **Recommendations**

Taking into consideration the aforegoing, it is the recommendation of the hearing officer that the Board adopt the findings, decisions and recommendations set forth in Case No. 11-ED-ALD-174 herein validating the petitions for Candidate Steven E. Pleasant for the office of Alderman in the City of Chicago for the 37th Ward. Be it further recommended that the name of Steven E. Pleasant placed on the ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held February 22, 2011.

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Hearing Officer

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