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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-175
Papers of: Shanika J. Finley	)	
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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 Shanika J. Finley, 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, Shanika J. Finley, 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 The Electoral Board grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.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 Shanika J. Finloy are declared VALID and the name of Shanika J. Finloy 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.