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

Objections of: Keith Harris	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No.: 11-EB-ALD-297
Papers of: Jesse Roberts	)	
	)	Related Cases: 11-EB-ALD-047,
	)	11-EB-ALD-249
Candidate for the office of	)	
Alderman of the 16th 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, 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 Keith Harris ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of Jesse Roberts, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago ("Candidate") to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 22, 2011, having convened on December 6, 2010, at 9:00 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 6, 2010 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Mary Celeste Meehan for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. On such date and time, the Hearing Officer called the case by calling aloud the case number, the name of the Objector and the name of the Candidate. The following persons, among others, answered and were present at such hearing: the Objector, Keith Harris, pro se and the candidate did not appear and had not yet been served.

7. The matter was continued to December 13, 2010.

8. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, Jesse Roberts did not appear at the subsequent hearing set for the purpose of hearing of the objections.

9. The Electoral Board further finds that the candidate was served on December 10, 2010 by the Cook County Sheriff.

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, Jesse Roberts, is in default, that the Objections are sustained, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid. The Candidate was also defaulted in 11-EB-ALD-047 and 11-EB-ALD-249.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Keith Harris to the Nomination Papers of Jesse Roberts, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of Jesse Roberts, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 22, 2011.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 11, 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.