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

Objections of: Toni D. Meekey	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No.: 11-EB-ALD-363
Papers of: Carol Hightower Chalmers	)	
	)	Related Case: 11-EB-ALD-151
Candidate for the office of	)	
Alderman of the 5th 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 Toni D. Meekey ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of Carol Hightower Chalmers, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 5th 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 Kelly McCloskey Cherf 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, Toni D. Meekey, pro se; and the Candidate, Carol Hightower Chalmers, pro se.

7. The Electoral Board finds that the Objector, Toni D. Meekey, did not appear at the subsequent hearing set for the purpose of hearing of the objections.

8. The Electoral Board further finds that the Candidate filed a Motion to Strike and Dismiss that should be granted. The Electoral Board finds that the Objector lacks standing as an Objector to candidates in the 5th Ward in that her Objection's Petition sets forth an address in the 34th Ward.

9. Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the Objector, Toni D. Meekey, is in default, that the Objections are stricken and dismissed, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

10. The Electoral Board further finds that objections were filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers in Related Case 11-EB-ALD-151 which remains pending.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Toni D. Meekey to the Nomination Papers of Carol Hightower Chalmers, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 5th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby stricken and dismissed.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 13, 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.