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

Objections of: ANDRE M. THAPEDI	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No.: 20-EB-RGA-017
Papers of: BERNARD GRIMMAGE	)	
	)	rel.: 20-EB-RGA-018
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Candidate for the nomination of the	)	
DEMOCRATIC Party for the office of	)	
Representative in the General Assembly, 32nd	)	
Representative District, State of Illinois	)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, William J. Kresse and Jonathan T. Swain, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections ("Objections") of ANDRE M. THAPEDI ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of BERNARD GRIMMAGE, candidate for the nomination of the DEMOCRATIC Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 32nd Representative District of the State of Illinois ("Candidate") at the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, having convened on December 16, 2019 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 Chair 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 or service was waived.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on December 16, 2019 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Deborah Pascua for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, ANDRE M. THAPEDI, by Attorney JAMES HARTMANN; and the Candidate, BERNARD GRIMMAGE, Pro Se

7. The Electoral Board finds that on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, the Candidate filed papers with the election authority with whom the original nomination papers were filed withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that his name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of BERNARD GRIMMAGE, candidate for the nomination of the DEMOCRATIC Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 32nd Representative District of the State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Dated: Monday, December 23, 2019.

Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair

William J. Kresse, Commissioner

Jonathan T. Swain, 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.