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

Objections of: JOHN TRYNESKI and ROBERT W. REID	)	
To the Nomination Papers of: LAUREN "YOUNG" WEBER	)	No.: 20-EB-WC-002
	)	rel.: 20-EB-WC-004
Candidate for the office of Democratic Party Ward Committeeperson, 1st Ward of the City of Chicago	)	

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 JOHN TRYNESKI and ROBERT W. REID ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of LAUREN "YOUNG" WEBER, candidate for the office of Democratic Party Ward Committeeperson, 1st Ward of the City of Chicago ("Candidate") at the General Primary Election to be held on 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 Candidate's Nomination Papers were duly and timely filed.

2. The Electoral Board was 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 Objectors 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. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer James Rosas for further hearings and proceedings.

5. The Objectors 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 Objectors, JOHN TRYNESKI and ROBERT W. REID through their Attorney, ED MULLEN; and the Candidate, LAUREN "YOUNG" WEBER, Pro Se.

6. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer found that the Candidate's nomination papers contained only 852 valid signatures, whereas 1,032 were required for the office the Candidate was seeking. The Hearing Officer accepted stipulations from the Candidate and Objectors that these numbers are accurate.

7. The Electoral Board, having considered the evidence and arguments tendered by the parties and the Hearing Officer's report of recommended findings and conclusions of law, hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law.

8. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of JOHN TRYNESKI and ROBERT W. REID to the Nomination Papers of LAUREN "YOUNG" WEBER, candidate for the office of Democratic Party of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of LAUREN "YOUNG" WEBER, candidate for the office of Democratic Party Ward Committeeperson, 1st Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 17, 2020.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 21, 2020.

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.