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

Objections of: JAMES MCLAIN, JAMEL R. SILK, FRANK RUSSELL, ELLA W. ROWANS and ROSE ZENNA SMART To the Nomination Papers of: CARRIE M. AUSTIN	)	No.: 20-EB-WC-017
Candidate for the office of Democratic Party Ward Committeeperson, 34th Ward, City of Chicago	)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the 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 JAMES MCLAIN, JAMEL R. SILK, FRANK RUSSELL, ELLA W. ROWANS and ROSE ZENNA SMART ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of CARRIE M. AUSTIN, candidate for the office of Democratic Party Ward Committeeperson, 34th 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 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 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.

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

6. 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, JAMES MCLAIN, JAMEL R. SILK, FRANK RUSSELL, ELLA W. ROWANS and ROSE ZENNA SMART, Attorney ANDREW FINKO; and the Candidate, CARRIE M. AUSTIN Attorney, THOMAS A. JACONETTY.

7. The Board finds that on December 30, 2019, the Candidate filed papers with the office in which the Candidate filed her nomination papers withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that her name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of CARRIE M. AUSTIN, candidate for the office of DEMOCRATIC Party Ward Committeeperson, 34th 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 7, 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.