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

Objections of: MARC JEROME and CAROL TUCKER	)	
To the Nomination Papers of: WILLIE PRESTON	)	No.: 22-EB-SS-010
Candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of State Senator, 16th Legislative District, State of Illinois	)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of the Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago, Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, William J. Kresse and June A. Brown, 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 MARC JEROME and CAROL TUCKER ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of WILLIE PRESTON, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of State Senator, 16th Legislative District in the State of Illinois ("Candidate") at the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, having convened on March 28, 2022, 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 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 March 28, 2022 and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Lynne Ostfeld 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. Appearances were filed by or on behalf of the following persons: the Objectors, MARC JEROME and CAROL TUCKER, Attorney, ED MULLEN and the Candidate, WILLIE PRESTON, Attorneys, ROSS D SECLER and BURTON S ODELSON.

6. The Electoral Board finds that on Thursday, April 7, 2022 the Objectors filed a motion to withdraw Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

7. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers and, in the absence of any objections thereto, such Nomination Papers are deemed valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Nomination Papers of WILLIE PRESTON, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of State Senator, 16th Legislative District in the State of Illinois, are deemed VALID and the name of the Candidate SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair

William J. Kresse, Commissioner

June A. Brown, Commissioner

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 10-10.1 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-10.1) a party aggrieved by 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.