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

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| Objections of: AVA THOMAS and QUINNTELLA BENSON | ) | |
| To the Nomination Papers of: SONYA THOMPSON DORSEY | ) | No.: 23-EB-ALD-009 |
| Candidate for the office of Alderperson of the 9th Ward, City of Chicago | ) | |

## FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of Election Commissioners of 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 AVA THOMAS and QUINNTELLA BENSON ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of SONYA THOMPSON DORSEY, candidate(s) for the office of Alderperson of the 9th Ward in the City of Chicago ("Candidate") to be elected at the Municipal General and Alderperson Elections to be held on February 28, 2023, having convened on Friday, December 9, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. 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 legally constituted under 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 Friday, December 9, 2022 and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Demetrius Carney 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, AVA THOMAS and QUINNTELLA BENSON, through their attorney ED MULLEN; and the Candidate, SONYA THOMPSON DORSEY.

6. The Electoral Board finds that on Thursday, December 22, 2022, the Candidate filed papers withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that her name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of SONYA THOMPSON DORSEY, candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 9thWard, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General and Alderperson Elections to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, December 30, 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 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.**