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

Objections of: LILLIE YARBER	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No.: 23-EB-ALD-037
Papers of: GENO YOUNG	)	
	)	Rel.: 23-EB-ALD-001
Candidate for the office of Alderperson of the	)	
8th Ward, City of Chicago	)	
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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 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 LILLIE YARBER ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of GENO YOUNG, for the office of Alderperson of the 8th Ward ("Candidate") at the Municipal General and Alderperson Elections to be held on Tuesday, 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 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 Friday, December 9, 2022 and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Joseph L. Ponsetto for further hearings and proceedings.

5. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board 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, LILLIE YARBER through her attorney, MICHAEL J KASPER; and the Candidate, GENO YOUNG.

6. The Hearing Officer ordered that an examination of the voter registration records be conducted by clerks and agents under the Board's direction and supervision, in accordance with the laws of Illinois and the rules of the Board.

7. The Hearing Officer directed all parties to appear and be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives, during this records examination.

8. The Candidate and/or his duly authorized representative was present during the examination of the registration records.

9. The Objector and/or her duly authorized representative was present during the examination of the registration records.

10. The examination of the registration records was completed and the Electoral Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the results of the records examination conducted by its clerks and agents. The written report of the result of the registration records examination is contained in the Electoral Board's file in this case and a copy has been provided or made available to the parties.

11. The results of the records examination indicate that:

A. The minimum number of valid signatures required by law for placement on the ballot for the office in question is 473;

B. The number of purportedly valid signatures appearing on the nominating petition filed by the Candidate total 689;

C. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid as a result of the records examination total 341.

12. The Electoral Board finds that the number of valid signatures appearing on the Candidate's nominating petition following completion of the records examination was less than the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the office of Alderperson of the 8th Ward.

13. The Hearing Officer conducted a hearing to allow the Candidate an opportunity to present evidence in support of Candidate's motion filed pursuant to Rule 8 of the Board's Rules of Procedure in which Candidate objected to certain findings made during the records examination by the Board's clerks.

14. 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 341 valid signatures, which is less than the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 8th Ward, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers should be found invalid.

15. 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.

16. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate has an insufficient number of valid signatures on his nominating petitions and that the Nomination Papers of GENO YOUNG are, therefore, invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of LILLIE YARBER to the Nomination Papers of GENO YOUNG, candidate for election to the office of Alderperson of the 8th Ward, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of GENO YOUNG, candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 8th Ward, 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.