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

Objections of: JACQUELINE SLAUGHTER and CURLY HALL	)	
To the Nomination Papers of: CAROLYNN DENISE CRUMP	)	No.: 23-EB-ALD-061
Candidate for the office of Alderperson of the 16th 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 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 JACQUELINE SLAUGHTER and CURLY HALL ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of CAROLYNN DENISE CRUMP, candidate for the office of Alderperson of the 16th Ward ("Candidate") at the Municipal General and Alderperson Elections to be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, having convened on 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 was held on these Objections commencing on December 9, 2022 and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Joseph Morris for further hearings and proceedings.

5. The Objectors 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 Call. The following persons, among others, were present at or filed appearances during such hearing; the Objectors, JACQUELINE SLAUGHTER and CURLY HALL, through their attorney TIFFANY NELSON-JAWORSKI; and the Candidate, CAROLYNN DENISE CRUMP, and/or her Attorney, FRANK AVILA.

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 her duly authorized representative was present during the examination of the registration records.

9. The Objectors and/or their 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 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 1,802.

C. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid as a result of the records examination total 871.

12. The Electoral Board finds that the number of valid signatures appearing on the Candidate's nominating petition following completion of the records examination exceeds the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 16th Ward.

13. No motions were filed pursuant to Rule 8 of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

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 871 valid signatures, which exceeds the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 16th Ward, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers should be found valid.

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 a sufficient number of valid signatures on her nominating petitions and that the Nomination Papers of CAROLYNN DENISE CRUMP are, therefore, valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of JACQUELINE SLAUGHTER and CURLY HALL to the Nomination Papers of CAROLYNN DENISE CRUMP, candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 16th Ward, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of CAROLYNN DENISE CRUMP, candidate for the office of Alderperson for the 16th Ward, SHALL 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, January 13, 2023.

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.

BEFORE
THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS
TO NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023, MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION
FOR MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER, ALDERPERSONS,
AND MEMBERS OF POLICE DISTRICT COUNCILS
IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

JACQUELINE SLAUGHTER and CURLY HALL, *Objectors*,	)	No. 23-EB-ALD-061.
vs.	)	Hearing Officer Morris
CAROLYNN DENISE CRUMP, *Candidate.*	)	

CORRECTED
REPORT AND RECOMMENDED DECISION
OF THE HEARING OFFICER

To the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago:

Hearing Examiner JOSEPH A. MORRIS reports as follows:

1. This is an action involving the nomination papers of a candidate for the office of Alderperson of the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago. The matter came before the Hearing Officer, pursuant to notice, for initial hearing on December 12, 2022. The Objectors were present by counsel, Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski of Del Galdo Law Group, L.L.C. Counsel for the Objectors filed her written appearance and confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement, and agreed to service by e-mail of notices and other writings in this proceeding. The Candidate was present in her proper person but her counsel, Frank Avila, was detained at another courthouse and communicated this fact by e-mail

to the Electoral Board, which referred the communication to the Hearing Officer. Treating the communication as a motion for continuance of the initial hearing, the Hearing Office denied the motion, entering a Case Management Order accordingly.

2. The Candidate's nomination papers for the office of Alderperson of the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago were admitted into the record as Group Exhibit A; the Objectors' Petition and attachments were admitted into the record as Group Exhibit B; the returns of service of process by the Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, were admitted into the record as Group Exhibit C; and the written appearance and confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement of Counsel for the Objectors were admitted into the record as Group Exhibit D.

3. It appearing on the face of the Objectors' Petition that an Records Examination was necessary and appropriate in the case, at the initial hearing a Records Examination was ordered.

4. A subsequent hearing was held on December 20, 2022, at which hearing Frank Avila, attending on behalf of the Candidate, filed his written appearance as her counsel and his written confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement, which instruments were received into the record, without objection, as part of Group Exhibit D. Both parties waived any objections to service of process, notice, or the Electoral Board's jurisdiction. The Candidate waived any objection to proceedings had at the initial hearing in this cause. Both parties acknowledged receipt of the Rules of the Electoral Board. Pursuant to the Case Management Order of December 12, 2022, the Candidate had filed a motion to strike and dismiss the Objectors' Petition and, the same having been fully briefed by the parties, the motion was taken under advisement with the case-in-chief pending completion of the Records Examination.

5. On January 4, 2023, the Records Examination was completed and a final Report of the Records Examination was filed herein. The Records Examination disclosed that the Candidate had filed 871 valid signatures, which were 398 signatures more than the required minium of 473.

6. Neither party filed a motion pursuant to Rule 8 of the Rules of the Electoral Board.

7. On January 10, 2023, a hearing attended by counsel for both parties was held. Each party confirmed that it had not filed a Rule 8 motion. Each party stated that it had no further evidence to adduce or other submissions to make in the case. Each party stated that it would stand on the final Report of the Records Examination. The record was closed.

Analysis and Evaluation

8. To be placed on the ballot for election as Alderman of the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago, the Candidate was required to submit Nomination Papers supported by valid signatures of at least 473 qualified electors in the ward. The records examination showed that Candidate's Nomination Papers were supported by 871 valid signatures. The Candidate met the minimum requirement and exceeded it by 398 valid signatures. There are no other issues in the case.

Recommended Findings, Conclusions, and Decision

9. On the bases of a facial examination of the nomination papers, of the Objectors' Petition and attachments, of the Candidate's Motion to Strike and Dismiss, of the Objectors' response thereof, of the Report of the Records Examination, and of the entire record herein, the Hearing Officer recommends that the Electoral Board enter the following findings of fact:

(a) The nomination papers submitted by the Candidate are supported by the signatures of 871 duly registered voters of the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago.

10. The Hearing Officer recommends that the Electoral Board enter the following conclusions of law:

(a) The nomination papers of the Candidate are supported by more than the minimum number required by law of signatures of persons duly registered to vote in the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago.

(b) The nomination papers filed by the Candidate substantially comply with the requirements of law and are sufficient in law and in fact.

11. The Hearing Officer recommends that the Electoral Board enter the following final administrative decision:

The name of CAROLYNN DENISE CRUMP shall appear and shall be printed on the ballot for election to the office of Alderperson the 16th Ward of the City of Chicago to be voted for at the Election to be held on February 28, 2023.

Dated: January 11, 2023.

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/s/ JOSEPH A. MORRIS

JOSEPH A. MORRIS
Hearing Officer

Exhibit 1

Summary Report of Records Examination
Filed January 4, 2023

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Chicago Board of Election Commissioner

Petition Summary Report

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Petition: 23-EB-ALD-61

Election: 022823

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Objector Name: JACQUELINE SLAUGHTER & CURLY HALL

Candidate Name: CAROLYNN DENISE CRUMP

Candidate Contact:		Signature Required:	473
Phone:		Alderman 16th Ward	
Fax:			
Objector Contact:	JACQUELINE SLAUGHTER & CURLY HALL	Total Pages:	190
		Total Signatures:	1802
Phone:		Total Objections:	2015
Fax:		Total Ruled On:	2015
		Total Remaining:	0
	(Display total number of sustained lines)	Total Sustained Lines:	931
	(Display total number of overruled lines)	Total Overruled Lines:	270
		For Review (Candidate):	823
		For Review (Objector):	878
(Total Valid Signatures = Total Signatures - Total Sustained Lines)		Total Valid Signatures:	871
		Total Unchallenged Sigs:	601

398 Signatures greater than the required minimum

I acknowledge the completion of the records examination at 1/4/2023 3:01:07 PM

_____ Candidate Representative

_____ Objector Representative

_____ County / City Representative