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

Objections of: JACQUELINE M WEATHERSPOON	)	
To the Nomination Papers of: TAMIKO HOLT	)	No.: 23-EB-PDC-003
Candidate for the office of Council Member of the 11th Police District, 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 M WEATHERSPOON ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of TAMIKO HOLT, for the office of Council Member of the 11th Police District ("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 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 Laura Jacksack 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 Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: The Objectors, JACQUELINE M WEATHERSPOON, through her attorneys, JENNIFER GROSSMAN and ED MULLEN; and the Candidate, TAMIKO HOLT.

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 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 229;

B. The number of purportedly valid signatures appearing on the nominating petition filed by the Candidate total 441;

C. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid as a result of the records examination total 67.

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 Council Member of the 11th Police District.

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 only 67 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 Council Member for the 11th Police District, 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 and incorporates 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 her nominating petitions and that the Nomination Papers of TAMIKO HOLT are, therefore, invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of JACQUELINE M WEATHERSPOON to the Nomination Papers of TAMIKO HOLT, candidate for election to the office of Council Member of the 11th Police District, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of TAMIKO HOLT, candidate for the office of Council Member for the 11th Police District, 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, 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.

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO THE NOMINATING PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE POLICE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE 11TH POLICE DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

JACQUELINE M. WEATHERSPOON,	)	
	)	
Petitioner-Objector,	)	
	)	**No. 23-EB-PDC-003**
v.	)	
	)	
TAMIKO HOLT,	)	
	)	
Respondent-Candidate.	)	

HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDED DECISION

This matter was first called for hearing on December 12, 2022. Neither party appeared and the Electoral Board had been no proof of service. The matter was called again on December 16, 2022 when the Objector appeared through counsel Jennifer Grossman and the Candidate did not appear. The Candidate was reached by telephone and informed of the objection. On December 20, 2022, both parties appeared; the Objector appeared through counsel and the Candidate appeared *pro se.*

The Objector contends that the Candidate filed an insufficient number of valid signatures. Neither party filed a preliminary motion and a records exam was ordered.

RECORDS EXAMINATION

The records exam took place and concluded on January 4, 2023 when the Final Petition Summary Report was served on the parties. The results of the records examination were as follows:

1. The minimum number of valid petition signatures for Member of the Police District Council in Chicago Police Department District 11 is 229.
2. The Candidate's petitions contain 441 total signatures.
3. The total number of objections made and ruled upon is 612.
4. Objections were sustained to 374 signatures.
5. Objections were overruled to 28 signatures.
6. The total number of valid petition signatures following the records exam is 67, which is 162 signatures fewer than the required minimum.

Neither party filed a Rule 8 Motion, leaving the Candidate with 162 signatures fewer than the required minimum.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, it is my recommendation that the objections of Jacqueline M. Weatherspoon to the Nomination Papers of Tamiko Holt be **sustained** and that the Nomination Papers of Tamiko Holt be deemed insufficient in law and fact and that the name of TAMIKO HOLT as a candidate for election to the office of Member of the Police District Council for the 11th Police District of the City of Chicago, not be printed on the ballot at the February 28, 2023 Municipal Election.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 6, 2023

Laura Jacksack, Hearing Officer