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

Objections of: CARMELITA EARLS	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No.: 23-EB-PDC-016
Papers of: ODDIS"OJ JOHNSON	)	
	)	Rel.: 23-EB-PDC-021
Candidate for the office of Council Member	)	
of the 15th Police District	)	
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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 CARMELITA EARLS ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of ODDIS"OJ JOHNSON, candidate for the office of Council Member of the 15th Police District15th ("Candidate") to be elected at the Municipal General and Alderpersons Elections to be held on 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 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 December 9, 2022 and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Bryan A. Gutraj for further hearings and proceedings.

5. The Objector 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 Objector, CARMELITA EARLS, and the Candidate, ODDIS"OJ JOHNSON.

6. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision in which the Hearing Officer found that the Objector's Petition failed to contain the necessary elements of an Objector's Petition pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-8. As a result, the Hearing Officer recommends that the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers be dismissed.

7. The Electoral Board, having reviewed the record of proceedings in this matter and having considered the report and recommendations of the Hearing Officer, as well as all argument and evidence submitted by the parties, hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law.

8. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board dismisses the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

9. The Electoral Board further finds that objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers were filed in related case 23-EB-PDC-021 and that the Electoral Board has not yet entered a final Decision in said case.

10. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of CARMELITA EARLS to the Nomination Papers of ODDIS"OJ JOHNSON, candidate for election to the office of Council Member of the 15th Police District, are hereby dismissed and the validity of the Candidate's Nomination Papers shall be determined in case 23-EB-PDC-021.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on 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.