DEFAULT

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

Objections of: SUNNY HARSHDEEP SINGH	)	
To the Nomination Papers of: JACQUELINE BROWN	)	No.: 23-EB-PDC-018
	)	Rel.: 23-EB-PDC-010
Candidate for the office of Council Member for the 18th Police District	)	

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 SUNNY HARSHDEEP SINGH ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of JACQUELINE BROWN, candidate for the office of Council Member for the 18th 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 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 Robert F. Hogan 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. On such date and time, the Hearing Officer called the case by calling aloud the case number, the name of the Objector and the name of the Candidate. The following persons, among others, answered and were present at such hearing: The Objector, SUNNY HARSHDEEP SINGH through his attorney, PERICLES ABBASI.

6. The case was called more than once on December 12, 2022 and at no time did the Candidate JACQUELINE BROWN or any person purported to represent the Candidate.

7. The matter was continued to December 20, 2022 to ascertain the status of service and the Hearing Officer found that the Candidate was, in fact, served by the Sheriff on December 9, 2022.

8. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, JACQUELINE BROWN did not appear at any of the duly called meetings and hearings conducted in this matter after numerous attempts to serve the Candidate with a copy of the Call and the Objector's Petition by the means of service specified in the statute.

9. The Electoral Board further finds that the Objector's petition, on its face, contains sufficient allegations, if accepted as true, to invalidate the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

10. Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate, JACQUELINE BROWN is in default, that the Objections are sustained, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of SUNNY HARSHDEEP SINGH to the Nomination Papers of JACQUELINE BROWN, candidate for the office of Council Member for the 18th Police District, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of JACQUELINE BROWN, candidate the office of Council Member for the 18th 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, 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.