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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-027
Papers of: KAREN WINTERS	)	
	)	Rel.: 23-EB-PDC-015
Candidate for the office of Council Member	)	
of the 15th Police District, City of Chicago	)	
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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 KAREN WINTERS, candidate for the office of Council Member of the 15th Police District in the City of Chicago ("Candidate") to be elected at the Municipal General and Alderperson 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 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, KAREN WINTERS.

6. The Electoral Board finds that on December 17, 2022 the Objector moved to withdraw her Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board hereby grants the motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

7. The Electoral Board further finds that there is additional Objector's Petition filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers (case No. 23-EB-PDC-015) and that case remains pending. Therefore, the Electoral Board is not able at this time to determine whether the Candidate's Nomination Papers are legally valid, pending the result in that other case.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of CARMELITA EARLS to the To the Nomination Papers of KARENT WINTERS, Candidate for the office of Council Member for the 15th Police District of the City of Chicago, are hereby stricken and this case is dismissed with prejudice.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on December 22, 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.