

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

Objections of: Darcene Webb)
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To the Nomination) No.: 16-EB-RGA-10
Papers of: Sonya Marie Harper)
) Rel.: 16-EB-RGA-07
Candidate for the nomination of the)
Democratic Party for the office of)
Representative in the General Assembly for the)
6th Representative District, State of Illinois)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, William J. Kresse and Jonathan T. Swain, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Marisel A. Hernandez, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections ("Objections") of Darcene Webb ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of Sonya Marie Harper, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 6th Representative District of the State of Illinois ("Candidate") at the General Primary Election to be held on March 15, 2016, having convened on December 14, 2015, at 9:00 A.M., in Room 800, 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, 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 herein were duly and timely filed.

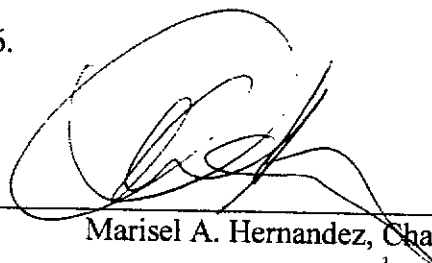
2. The said Electoral Board has been legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois.
3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued by the Chairman of the Electoral Board and served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector and the Candidate, by registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute.
4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on December 14, 2015 and was continued from time to time.
5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Frank Tedesso for further hearings and proceedings.
6. 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, Darcene Webb, by her attorney, Randy Crumpton; the Candidate, Sonya Marie Harper, by her attorney, Michael Kasper.
7. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board his report and recommended decision. The Hearing Officer recommends that the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers be overruled and that the Nomination Papers be declared valid.
8. 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. A copy of the Hearing Officer report and recommendations is attached hereto and is incorporated herein as part of the decision of the Electoral Board.

9. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board overrules the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers and finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

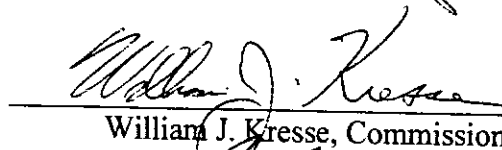
10. The Electoral Board further finds that objections in related case 16-EB-RGA-07 were earlier overruled and that there are no other pending objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Darcene Webb to the Nomination Papers of Sonya Marie Harper, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 6th Representative District of the State of Illinois, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of Sonya Marie Harper, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 6th Representative District of the State of Illinois, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 15, 2016.

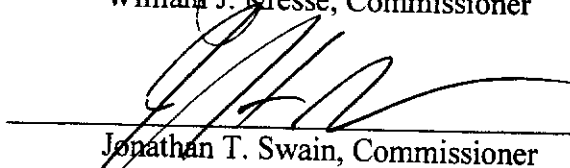
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 19, 2016.



Marisel A. Hernandez, Chairman



William J. Kresse, Commissioner



Jonathan T. Swain, 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 DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION
PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION TO THE OFFICE OF
REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE 6th
REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS TO BE VOTED UPON
AT THE MARCH 15, 2016 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

DARCENE WEBB,)	
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Petitioner-Objector,)	
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v.)	Case No. 16-EB-RGA-10
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SONYA MARIE HARPER,)	
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Respondent-Candidate.)	

**HEARING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT AND
RECOMMENDED DECISION**

1. The Respondent – Candidate, SONYA MARIE HARPER, filed Nomination Papers for nomination to the Office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 6th Representative District of the State of Illinois, Democratic Party, to be voted upon at the March 15, 2016 General Primary Election.
2. That the Petitioner– Objector, DARCENE WEBB, filed an Objector's Petition objecting to the Nomination Papers of the Candidate.
3. On December 14, 2015, this matter appeared on the Board's Initial Trial Call. Petitioner-Objector appeared through her attorney Randy Crumpton, and Respondent-Candidate appeared through her attorney, Michael Kasper. The Hearing Officer entered the following Board Documents into evidence: "Board Group Exhibit A" consisting of the Candidate's Nomination Papers; "Board Group Exhibit B" consisting of the Objector's Petition and attachments; "Board Group Exhibit C" consisting of a copy of the call and proof of service of the call; and "Board Group Exhibit D" consisting of the parties' appearances and executed non-

disclosure agreements. Both parties indicated they did not intend to file any pre-trial motions. The Objector's Petition was entered and continued from time to time and the matter was set for an evidentiary hearing on January 11, 2016.

4. The Objector's Petition alleges that the Candidate's Statement of Candidacy and Petition sheets were invalid in that they falsely stated that the Candidate resides at 1656 W. Garfield Boulevard.

5. On January 11, 2016, an evidentiary hearing was held on the Objector's Petition. The Objector called the Candidate, Sonya Marie Harper, who testified as follows:

- * She is the incumbent and a candidate for Representative in the General Assembly for the 6th Representative District;
- * She resides at 1656 W. Garfield Blvd, Chicago, Illinois;
- * She is registered to vote at 1656 W. Garfield Blvd, Chicago, Illinois;
- * She resided at 1656 W. Garfield Blvd, Chicago, Illinois when she signed the Statement of Candidacy
- * She resided at 1656 W. Garfield Blvd, Chicago, Illinois when her petitions were circulated;
- * She resided at 1656 W. Garfield Blvd, Chicago, Illinois when her petitions were filed;
- * She continues to reside at 1656 W. Garfield Blvd, Chicago, Illinois;
- * She sleeps at 1656 W. Garfield Blvd and her personal belongings are at said address;
- * 6142 S. Wood is her grandmother's address;
- * She became the registered agent for Grow Greater Englewood, Inc. in 2015 and the registered address of the corporation is 6142 W. Wood;
- * She does not receive any utility bills for 6142 W. Wood.

6. The Hearing Officer finds the Candidate resides at 1656 W. Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois and her petition sheets and Statement of Candidacy are valid. The Hearing Officer recommends the Objector's Petition be overruled and the Candidate appear on the March 15, 2016 Democratic Primary Ballot as a Candidate for Representative in the Illinois General Assembly for the 6th Representative District.

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H.O. Frank A. Tedesso