

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

Objections of: Christopher Robinson, Leslie)
 Recht and Louisa Hillbryant)
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 To the Nomination) No.: 16-EB-SS-03
 Papers of: Jeff Johnson)
) Rel.: 16-EB-SS-05
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 Candidate for the nomination of the)
 Democratic Party for the office of State)
 Senator for the 5th Legislative 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 Christopher Robinson, Leslie Recht and Louisa Hillbryant (“Objectors”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of Jeff Johnson, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of State Senator for the 5th Legislative 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 Objectors 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.

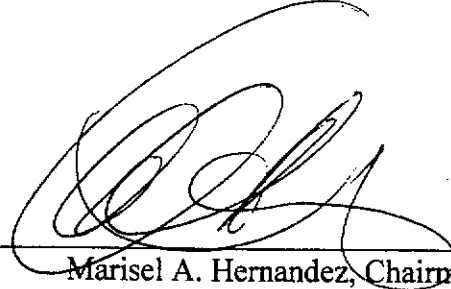
5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Mary Celeste Meehan for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objectors 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 Objectors, Christopher Robinson, Leslie Recht and Louisa Hillbryant, by their attorneys, Attorneys James P. Nally PC and Bonny Bumiller; and the Candidate, Jeff Johnson, by his attorney, Ed Mullen.

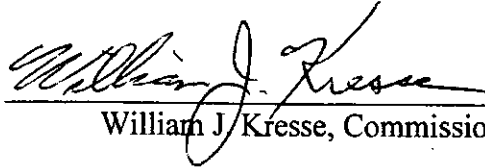
7. The Electoral Board finds that on December 29, 2015, the Candidate filed papers with the election authority with whom the original nomination papers were filed withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that his name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of Jeff Johnson, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of State Senator for the 5th Legislative District of the State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 15, 2016.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 5, 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.