

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

Objections of: Emma Walsh)
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 To the Nomination) No.: 16-EB-WC-20
 Papers of: Vilma F. Garcia)
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 Candidate for the office of Republican Party)
 Ward Committeeman for the 14th Ward, City)
 of Chicago)

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 Emma Walsh (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of Vilma F. Garcia, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 14th Ward of the City of Chicago (“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 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 Lynne Ostfeld 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, Emma Walsh, by his attorney, Brian P. Wojcicki; and the Candidate, Vilma F. Garcia, by her attorneys, Matthew M. Welch and Sara M. Gallagher.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on January 5, 2016, the Objector filed a motion to withdraw her Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.


8. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Objections of Emma Walsh are withdrawn and the name of Vilma F. Garcia, candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 14th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 15, 2016.

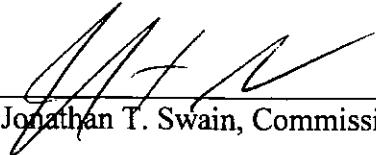
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 12, 2016.



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.