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

Objections of: Brett Allen Czaja and Karen Larson))
To the: Petition for the "Take Charge Chicago" Referenda and Pat Quinn, as) No.: 18-EB-QPP-02
principal proponent) Rel.: 18-EB-QPP-01; 18-EB-QPP-03; and) 18-EB-QPP-04)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting *ex officio* of the Board of Election

Commissioners for the City of Chicago, Chairwoman Marisel A. Hernandez and Commissioners

William J. Kresse and Jonathan T. Swain, organized by law in response to a Call issued by

Marisel A. Hernandez, Chairwoman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and

passing upon objections ("Objections") of Brett Allen Czaja and Karen Larson ("Objectors") to

the petition for the "Take Charge Chicago" Referenda (the "Petition") and Pat Quinn as principal

proponent ("Respondent") for citywide referenda in the City of Chicago, Illinois, at the General

Election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, having convened on Monday, August 20,

2018, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 800, 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, and having heard

the Objections to the Petition in the above-entitled matter, finds that:

- 1. Objections to the Petition were duly and timely filed in the office of the Clerk for the City of Chicago.
- 2. The Electoral Board was 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 Chairwoman of the Electoral Board and served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the Objectors and the Respondent by registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute, or those parties waived their right to statutory service.
- 4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on Monday, August 20, 2018 and was continued from time to time.
- 5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Barbara Goodman for further hearings and proceedings.
- 6. The Objectors and the Respondent 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, Brett Allen Czaja and Karen Larson, by their attorneys Michael Kasper and James Hartmann; and the Respondent, Petition for the Take Charge Chicago Referenda and Pat Quinn, as principal proponent, by their attorneys Ed Mullen and Pat Quinn.
- 7. The Electoral Board finds that on September 20, 2018 the Objectors filed a motion to withdraw all Objections in this case against the Respondent's Petition.
- 8. The Hearing Officer tendered to the Board and the parties a final report and recommended decision in which she recommends granting the Objectors' Motion to Withdraw all objections. The Electoral Board hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommendation to grant Objector's Motion to Withdraw the Objections.

9. The Electoral Board further finds there are no additional Objections pending against Respondent's Petition and, in the absence of any objections thereto, the Objectors' Petition is moot and should be dismissed with prejudice.

IT IS THEREFORE AND HEREBY ORDERED that the Objectors' Motion to Withdraw is granted, all Objections therein against the Petition for the Take Charge Chicago Referenda and Pat Quinn, as principal proponent, are withdrawn, and with no remaining objections lodged against the Petition, the Objectors' Petition is moot and is hereby dismissed with prejudice. Due to the withdrawal of all Objections in this case, and the Electoral Board's decisions in related cases 18-EB-QPP-01 and 03, the Electoral Board makes no findings or conclusions herein as to whether the subject Referenda Petition is legally qualified for certification to the ballot for the general election to be held on November 6, 2018.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on September 27, 2018.

Marisel A Hernandez, Chairwoman

William J Kresse, Commissioner

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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.