

**BEFORE THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF THE OBJECTIONS OF:	)	
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Abdul Rehman Shaikh,	)	
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Petitioner-Objector,	)	
	)	<b>19-EB-ALD-014</b>
v.	)	CASE NO. _____
	)	
Zehra Quadri,	)	
	)	
Respondent-Candidate.	)	

**OBJECTOR'S PETITION**

NOW COMES, Abdul Rehman Shaikh, (the "Objector"), and pursuant to §10-8 of the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/1-1, et seq., states as follows:

*Introduction*

The Objector, Abdul Rehman Shaikh, states that he resides at 6202 N. Hoyne Avenue in the 50<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of Chicago, Zip Code 60659, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and that he is a duly qualified, registered, and legal voter in the 50<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, the political subdivision in which Respondent-Candidate, Zehra Quadri (the "Candidate") is to be voted upon. Objector states that Objector's interest in filing the following objections is that of a citizen desirous of seeing that the election laws governing the filing of nomination papers for the office of Alderman for the 50<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of Chicago in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, are properly complied with, and that only qualified candidates appear on the ballot for said office as a candidate at the February 26, 2019 Municipal General Election ("Election").

Therefore, the Objector makes the following objections, upon information and belief, to the Nomination Papers of Zehra Quadri as a candidate for the office of Alderman for the 50<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of Chicago in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, to be voted upon at the February 26, 2019 Municipal General Election.

1. Nomination Papers must truthfully allege the qualifications of the candidate, must contain the statutorily required minimum amount of true and genuine signatures of duly qualified, registered, and legal voters in the political subdivision or district in which Candidate seeks nomination or election, must be gathered and presented in the manner provided for in the Illinois Election Code, and must be otherwise executed in the form provided by law.
2. The Candidate has filed Nomination Papers that purport to contain signatures of duly qualified, legal, and registered voters of the political subdivision or district in which the

Candidate seeks elective office in excess of the statutory minimum and, further purport to have been gathered, presented and executed in the manner provided by the Illinois Election Code.

3. The laws pertaining to the securing of ballot access require that certain requirements be met as established by law. Filings made contrary to such requirements must be voided and found invalid, being in violation of the statutes, and/or established case law, in such cases made and provided. Statute and established case law hold these provisions to be mandatory and strictly construed; failing to comply with even one of them will result in the petitions' invalidation.
4. As set forth herein, the Nomination Papers are insufficient in law and fact for the following reasons:

***Petition Signature Objections***

5. The Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheets attached hereto and incorporated herein as "**Group Exhibit A**" set out the following objections to the Candidate's nomination papers.
6. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons who are not registered voters at the addresses shown opposite their respective names, as is set forth specifically in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column a., "Signer not registered at address shown", in violation of the Illinois Election Code.
7. The Nomination Papers contain the names of persons who did not sign said papers in their own proper persons, and said signatures are not genuine signatures of registered voters at the addresses shown opposite their names and are forgeries, as is set forth specifically in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column b., "Signature not genuine signature of registered voter", in violation of the Illinois Election Code.
8. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons who for whom addresses are stated that are not in the Political Subdivision or District that the Candidate is seeking elective office and such signatures are not valid, as is set forth specifically in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column c., "Signer resides outside political subdivision or district", in violation of the Illinois Election Code.
9. The Nomination Papers contain the names of persons for whom the signer's address is missing or incomplete as is set forth specifically in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column d., "Signer's address missing or incomplete", in violation of the Illinois Election Code.

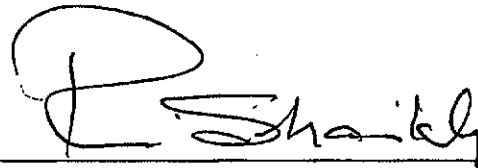
10. The Nomination Papers contain the names of persons who have signed the Nomination Papers more than one time as is set forth specifically in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation Sheet attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the heading, Column e., "Signer signed petition more than once at Sheet/Line indicated", in violation of the Illinois Election Code.
11. The Nomination Papers contain the signatures of various individuals who had previously signed a nominating petition of another candidate for the same office, thereby precluding them from petitioning for the Candidate's attempt to access the ballot at the 2019 Municipal General Election in the City of Chicago, as more fully set forth in the Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation, under the heading, Column f., "Signer previously signed petition of another candidate for the same office", in violation of the Illinois Election Code.
12. The Objection and Appendix-Recapitulation sheets have designated "Sheet Numbers," which reference Candidate's petition sheet numbers. An "X" or "√" placed on a line of the Appendix-Recapitulation indicates that an objection is made to the corresponding signature line of the referenced petition sheet for the reasons stated above, as well as the other specific allegations made in this Objector's Petition.
13. The Nomination Papers are not consecutively numbered in that the first petition signature sheet submitted begins with the number "2" and, further, the petition signature sheets in between sheets numbered 10 and 11 and between 70 and 71 are un-numbered and, therefore, are invalid in their entirety.

#### *Conclusion*

14. This Objection and the Appendix-Recapitulation Sheets attached hereto, and each sheet thereof, as well as the Exhibits attached hereto, are incorporated herein and the objections made therein are a part of this Objector's Petition.
15. Because of the above-listed irregularities and insufficiencies in the Candidate's Nomination Papers, said Nomination Papers contain fewer than the minimum number of signatures of qualified voters required by the Illinois Election code and are invalid in their entirety.

**WHEREFORE**, Objector prays that the nomination papers of Zehra Quadri as a candidate for the office of Alderman for the 50<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, to be voted upon at the February 26, 2019 General Municipal Election be declared to be insufficient and not in compliance with the laws of the State of Illinois, and that the Candidate's name be stricken and **NOT** appear on the February 26, 2019 Municipal General Election ballot, and that this Honorable Electoral Board enter its decision declaring that the name of Zehra Quadri as a candidate for the office of Alderman for the 50<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, be **NOT** printed upon the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 26, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Shaikh", written over a horizontal line.

OBJECTOR – Abdul Rehman Shaikh

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Chicago, IL 60659

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**GROUP EXHIBIT A  
OBJECTION & APPENDIX-RECAPITULATION**