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

Objections of: INGLESA TONEY)
To the Nomination)) No.: 19-EB-ALD-035
Papers of: CREATIVE SCOTT)
Candidate for the office of Alderman for the)
24th Ward of the City of Chicago)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the 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, Chair of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections ("Objections") of INGLESA TONEY ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of CREATIVE SCOTT, candidate for the office of Alderman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago ("Candidate") at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, having convened on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 8:30 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 were duly and timely filed.
- 2. The Electoral Board was legally constituted under the laws of the State of Illinois.
- 3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued by the Chair 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.

- A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on Monday, December 10,
 2018 and was continued from time to time.
- 5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Jeanette Samuels 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, INGLESA TONEY, and/or her Attorney MICHAEL J KASPER; the Candidate, CREATIVE SCOTT, and/or his Attorney SCOTT B ERDMAN.
- 7. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board her 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of INGLESA TONEY to the Nomination Papers of CREATIVE SCOTT, candidate for the office of Alderman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby

declared VALID and the name of CREATIVE SCOTT, candidate for the office of Alderman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General

Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair

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.

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Inglesa Toney,)
Petitioner-Objector,)
v.) No. 19-EB-ALD-035
Creative Scott,)
Respondent-Candidate.	<i>)</i>)

HEARING EXAMINER'S FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

This matter coming before the duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, and before the undersigned Hearing Examiner, the Hearing Examiner hereby makes the following Final Report and Recommendation:

PRELIMINARY FACTS

- 1. The Candidate timely filed Nomination Papers as a Candidate for the Alderman of the 24th Ward for the City of Chicago, State of Illinois.
- 2. Objectors' Petition to the Nomination Papers of the candidate was timely filed on 3 December 2018.
- 3. A Motion to Dismiss and Strike was fully briefed with the parties waiving oral argument.
- 4. The hearing examiner recommended that the motion to strike paragraph 11 of the Objector's Petition be DENIED and the motion to strike paragraph 21 of the Objections Petition be GRANTED.
- 5. The case then proceeded to a records examination which was concluded on 28 December 2018.
- 6. The records examination found a total of 1,113 valid signatures, 660 signatures greater than the required minimum.
- 7. Prior to the hearing that was set for 4 January 2018, Objector indicated that he would stand by the records examination and withdrew his request for a hearing on the remaining allegations contained in his Petition.

FINDINGS

- 8. The Candidate was required to have 473 signatures of legal votes of the Ward.
- 9. The Candidate's Nomination Papers contains a total of 1,113 valid signatures, 660 signatures greater than the required minimum.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10. Based upon the foregoing, the hearing examiner recommends the following:
 - a. Objector's Petition be OVERRULED;
 - b. Candidate's Nomination Papers be deemed VALID; and
 - c. the name of the Candidate CREATIVE SCOTT appear on the ballot for the office of Alderman of the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois.

Dated: 4 January 2018