

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

Objections of: JAY G. RAMIREZ)	
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To the Nomination)	No.: 19-EB-ALD-066
Papers of: TREVOR JOSEPH GRANT)	
)	Rel.: 19-EB-ALD-028
Candidate for the office of)	
Alderman of the 1st Ward of the City of)	
Chicago,)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of Election Commissioners of 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 JAY G. RAMIREZ (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of TREVOR JOSEPH GRANT, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 1st Ward of the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 26, 2019, having convened on 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 or service was waived.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on Monday, December 10, 2018 and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Claudia F. Badillo for further hearings and proceedings.

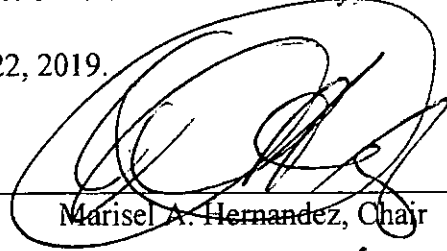
5. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, JAY G. RAMIREZ, and/or his Attorney JAMES P. NALLY and SCOTT B ERDMAN; and the Candidate, TREVOR JOSEPH GRANT and/or his Attorney ROSS D SECLER.

6. The Electoral Board finds that on Friday, January 11, 2019, the Candidate filed papers withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that his name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

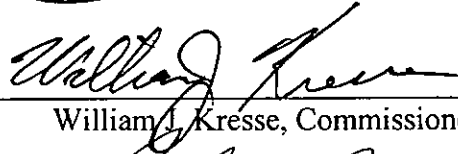
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of TREVOR JOSEPH GRANT, candidate for the office of Alderman for the 1st Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019.

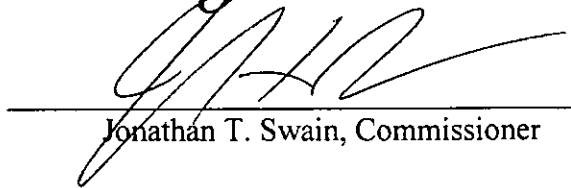
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.



Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair



William L. 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.

**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO AS THE
DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING
UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO THE NOMINATING PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR
ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN OF THE FIRST (1st) WARD OF THE
CITY OF CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS TO BE VOTED
UPON AT THE FEBRUARY 26, 2019 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION**

JAY G. RAMIREZ)
Objector/Petitioner,)
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v.) **19-EB-ALD-066**
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TREVOR JOSEPH GRANT,)
Candidate/Respondent)
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HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDED DECISION

1. The Candidate, TREVOR JOSEPH GRANT filed his Nomination Papers for election to the office of Alderman of the 1st Ward of the City of Chicago, to be voted upon at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 26, 2019.
2. The Objector, JAY G. RAMIREZ, filed a timely petition objecting to the Nomination Papers of the Candidate.
3. The initial case management hearing occurred in this case on December 10, 2018. The Candidate and Objector appeared through their attorneys, Ross Secler and James P. Nally, respectively. A Records Exam Directive was filled out that day with a "to be determined" date on the schedule.
4. No preliminary motions were filed in this case, no subpoenas were requested, and a Records Exam began on December 21, 2018.
5. A status hearing was held on December 28, 2018 to discuss the results of the Records

Exam. Both parties were present through their attorneys. No final report had been issued so another status hearing was set for January 3, 2019.

6. At the status hearing of January 3, 2019 (all parties being present), there were still no final results of the Records Exam available, but the Objector through his attorney had already filed a Rule 8 Motion on December 28, 2018 that was part of the official file. In addition, the Objector filed a supplemental Rule 8 Motion on January 3, 2019. Another status hearing was set for January 7, 2019.

7. Later that day, on January 3, 2019 a Final Records Exam Report with an attached Signature Export Report was filed with the Board. The results of the records exam indicated that 506 objections had been sustained and 68 had been overruled. According to the report this left the Candidate with 465 valid signatures, which was 8 fewer than the required minimum of 473. All parties were properly served with notice of these results.

8. On January 4, 2019 the Candidate filed a timely Rule 8 Motion requesting that an evidentiary hearing be held to rehabilitate signatures and present additional evidence as an appeal of rulings made during the Records Exam.

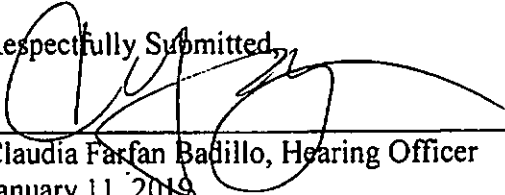
9. On January 7, 2019 the parties reconvened with attorney Mary Ryan Norwell appearing on behalf of the candidate and attorney James P. Nally appearing on behalf of the objector. The Final Records Exam Report was entered into evidence and a Rule 8 Evidentiary hearing was scheduled for January 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. with exhibits and evidence due by January 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

10. On January 10, 2019 at 3:29 p.m., the candidate through his attorney Ross Secler, sent an

email to all parties and the Board stating that the candidate would not be submitting any further evidence and would not be proceeding on his Rule 8 Motion. Therefore, the evidentiary hearing set for January 11, 2019 was cancelled.

11. Accordingly, the candidate not having provided additional evidence or testimony to rehabilitate the necessary signatures, and based on the evidence of the Final Records Exam showing that the candidate had 8 signatures fewer than the required minimum of 473, it is the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that the Verified Objector's Petition filed by JAY G. RAMIREZ be sustained, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers be deemed not sufficient or valid in law and in fact and that the name of Candidate TREVOR JOSEPH GRANT not appear on the official ballot for the office of the 1st Ward Alderman of the City of Chicago for the Municipal General Election to be held in the City of Chicago on February 26, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,



Claudia Farfan Badillo, Hearing Officer
January 11, 2019