

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

Objections of: MARK M TANNEBAUM)
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 To the Nomination) No.: 19-EB-ALD-081
 Papers of: ZEHRA QUADRI)
) Rel.: 19-EB-ALD-014
 Candidate for the office of)
 Alderman of the 50th Ward of the City of)
 Chicago)
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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 MARK M TANNEBAUM (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of ZEHRA QUADRI, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 50th 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.

4. A public hearing was held on these Objections commencing on Monday, December 10, 2018 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Deborah Pascua for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Call. The following persons, among others, were present at or filed appearances during such hearing; the Objector, MARK M TANNEBAUM, and/or his Attorney, JAMES P. NALLY; and the Candidate, ZEHRA QUADRI, and/or her Attorney, FRANK AVILA.

7. The Hearing Officer ordered that an examination of the voter registration records be conducted by clerks and agents under the Board's direction and supervision, in accordance with the laws of Illinois and the rules of the Board.

8. The Hearing Officer directed all parties to appear and be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives during this records examination.

9. The Candidate and/or her duly authorized representative was present during the examination of the registration records.

10. The Objector and/or his duly authorized representative was present during the examination of the registration records.

11. The examination of the registration records was completed and the Electoral Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the results of the records examination

conducted by its clerks and agents. The written report of the result of the registration records examination is contained in the Board's file in this case and a copy has been provided or made available to the parties.

12. The results of the records examination indicate that:

A. The minimum number of valid signatures required by law for placement on the ballot for the office in question is 473.

B. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid as a result of the records examination total 638.

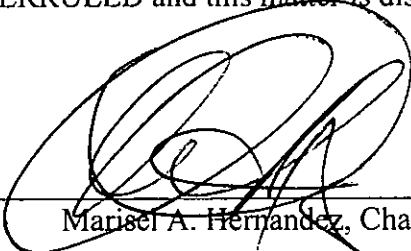
13. The Electoral Board finds that the number of valid signatures appearing on the Candidate's nominating petition following completion of the records examination exceeds the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for the office of Alderman for the 50th Ward of the City of Chicago.

14. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer found that the Candidate's Nomination Papers contained 638 valid signatures, which exceeds the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for the office of Alderman for the 50th Ward of the City of Chicago. However, due to pending related case 19-EB-ALD-014, the Board cannot in this case make a final determination that the Candidate's Nomination Papers should be found valid.

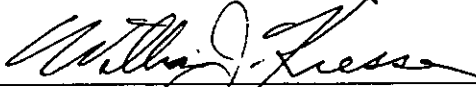
15. The Electoral Board, having considered the evidence and arguments tendered by the parties and the Hearing Officer's report of recommended findings and conclusions of law, hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law.

16. For the reasons stated above, the objections in this matter to the Nomination Papers of ZEHRA QUADRI are, therefore, OVERRULED and this matter is dismissed.

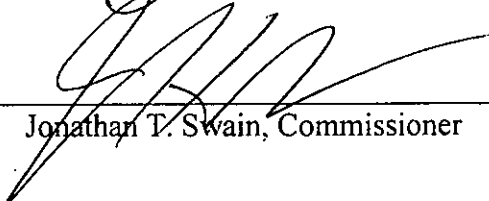
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 18, 2019.



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.

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

MARK M. TANNEBAUM)
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 Objectors) 19 EB ALD 081
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ZEHRA QUADRI)
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 Candidate)

HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDED DECISION

This matter was first heard on December 10, 2018. The Objector appeared through counsel James P. Nally. The Candidate appeared through counsel Jan Kowalski substituting for Frank Avila. The parties were given an opportunity to file preliminary motions. No preliminary motions were filed. A records examination was ordered and the matter was continued for subsequent hearing.

THE RECORDS EXAMINATION

The results of the records examination were as follows:

- A. The minimum number of valid signatures required by law for placement on the ballot for the office in question is 473.
- B. The number of purportedly valid signatures appearing on the nominating petition filed by the Candidate total 1,790.
- C. The number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained in the records examination total 1,152.

The remaining number of signatures deemed valid as a result of the records examination total 638.

The results of the records examination indicated that the candidate had 165 signatures more than

the statutory minimum. No motions were filed pursuant to Rule 8 of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, and pending any additional cases naming Candidate Zehra Quadri, it is my recommendation that the objections of Mark M. Tannebaum to the nominating papers of Zehra Quadri be **overruled** and that the nominating papers of Zehra Quadri for the office of Alderman for the 50th Ward of the City of Chicago be deemed **valid** and that the name of Zehra Quadri for said office be printed on the ballot at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 26, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Pascua, Hearing Officer
01/02/19