

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

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Objections of: JESSICA SANTIAGO )  
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To the Nomination ) No.: 19-EB-ALD-094  
Papers of: MIRKO "LIMO MIKE Z." )  
ZAPLATIC JR. ) Rel.: 19-EB-ALD-054, 19-EB-ALD-151  
  
Candidate for the office of )  
Alderman for the 26th 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 JESSICA SANTIAGO ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nominating Papers") of MIRKO "LIMO MIKE Z." ZAPLATIC JR., candidate for the office of Alderman for the 26th Ward of the City of Chicago, ("Candidate") at the General Municipal 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.

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


5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Richard Zulkey 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, JESSICA SANTIAGO, and/or her Attorney, JAMES P. NALLY; and the Candidate, MIRKO "LIMO MIKE Z." ZAPLATIC JR., and/or his Attorney, PERICLES ABBASI.

7. The Board finds that this case is mooted by virtue of the decision rendered by the Electoral Board in related cases : 19-EB-ALD-054, 19-EB-ALD-151, wherein the Candidate's Nomination Papers were found to be invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED the name of MIRKO "LIMO MIKE Z." ZAPLATIC JR., candidate for the office of Alderman for the 26th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Municipal Election to be held on February 26, 2019.

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



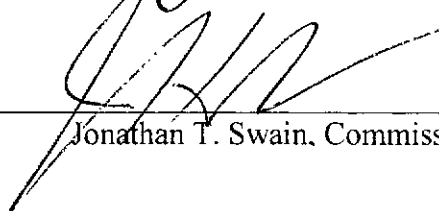
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Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair



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William J. Kresse, Commissioner



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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 DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD  
CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

<b>JESSICA SANTIAGO</b>		
<b>Petitioner-Objector</b>		
<b>vs.</b>		<b>19-EB-ALD-094</b>
<b>MIRKO "LIMO MIKE Z" ZAPLATIC, JR.</b>		
<b>Respondent- Candidate</b>		<b>Related Cases:</b> <b>Calderon v. Zaplatic, 19-EB-ALD-054</b> <b>Herrera v. Zaplatic, 19-EB-ALD-151</b>

**RECOMMENDATION BY HEARING OFFICER**

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For Petitioner-Objector

- 1. Background:** Candidate has filed nomination papers for the office of alderman of the 26<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of Chicago. There are required to be at least 473 signatures of qualified and legal voters of the ward submitted. Objections were filed challenging the Candidate's petitions.
- 2. Objector's Claims:** The Objector's timely filed petition asserted in substance that:  
The Candidate's nomination papers contained less than the required 473 valid signatures as set in Objection Paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- 3. Signature Exam:** A signature exam was ordered but has not been scheduled.

**4. Companion Case:** There were companion cases filed. These were:

Calderon v. Zaplatic, 19-EB-ALD-054

Herrera v. Zaplatic, 19 EB-ALD-151

In both cases the Candidate's name was stricken due to improper nickname designation. Recommendations were made and accepted by the Electoral Board for these companion cases.

At the hearing of December 28, 2018, the Objector by his attorney adopted these companion Recommendations and deemed his objections to be mute. This was agreed by the Candidates' attorney as well.

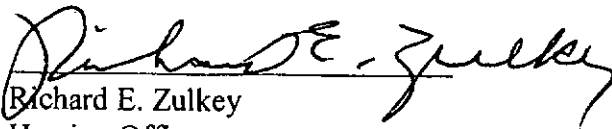
The Objector withdrew his objections.

The Candidate withdrew his candidacy.

**5. Conclusion:** It is recommended that the Candidate's name not appear on the ballot as his name is withdrawn due to the decisions in the companion cases. This instant case is dismissed.

Date: January 3, 2019

Respectfully submitted,



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