

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

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Objections of: KELLE MARTIN and	)
JESSICA ANDERSON	)
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To the Nomination	) No.: 19-EB-ALD-124
Papers of: MAYA HODARI	)
	) Rel.: 19-EB-ALD-142
Candidate for the office of	)
Alderman of the 20th 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 KELLE MARTIN and JESSICA ANDERSON (“Objectors”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of MAYA HODARI, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 20th 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 Objectors 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 Linda R. Crane for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objectors 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 Objectors, KELLE MARTIN and JESSICA ANDERSON, and/or their Attorney, ANDREW FINKO; and the Candidate, MAYA HODARI, and/or her Attorney, LAURA JACKSACK.

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 Objectors and/or their 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 713.

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 20th Ward of the City of Chicago.

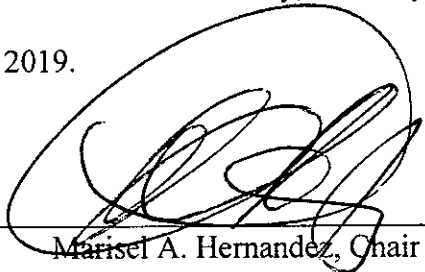
14. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer found that the Candidate's Nomination Papers contained 713 valid signatures, which exceeds the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for the office of Alderman for the 20th Ward of the City of Chicago, and 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 Electoral Board finds that the Candidate has a sufficient number of valid signatures on her nominating petitions and that the Nomination Papers of MAYA HODARI are, therefore, valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of KELLE MARTIN and JESSICA ANDERSON to the Nomination Papers of MAYA HODARI, candidate for the office of Alderman for the 20th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of MAYA HODARI, candidate for the office of Alderman for the 20th 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 Friday, January 25, 2019.



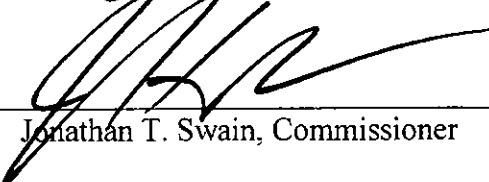
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Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair



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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.



2. That the initial hearing on the matter was held on December 10, 2018. Both parties were present and filed their Appearances: The Candidate by and through her attorney, Laura Jacksack; and the Objectors, by and through their attorney, Andrew Finko. The hearing began with a review of the file to make sure that it was complete. Following a discussion about general procedural matters and the issues and objections raised in the Petition, the Candidate stated that she did not intend to file a Motion to Strike or Dismiss under the Board's Rule 5, so no briefing schedule was established. The Objector requested a subpoena for one circulator who had circulated four signature sheets and the Candidate filed a Response in Opposition to the Subpoena Request. The H.O. prepared a Recommendation to Commissioners Re: Objectors' Subpoenas Request that opposed the request and the request was subsequently denied by the Commissioners.
3. That the parties requested a Records Examination and a Records Examination Directive was issued and, subsequently, the RE was scheduled for January 4, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
4. That several hearings were scheduled and continued awaiting the completion of the Records Examination.
5. That, on January 22, 2019 at 12:30 p.m., a hearing was convened to review the results of the Records Examination, which had been completed and certified by the Board's staff and handwriting expert on January 20, 2019.
6. That the Final results of the Records Examination were as follows:

<b>Signatures Required:</b>	<b>473</b>
<b>Total Pages:</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Total Signatures:</b>	<b>1794</b>
<b>Total Objections:</b>	<b>1603</b>
<b>Total Ruled On:</b>	<b>1603</b>
<b>Total Remaining:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Sustained:</b>	<b>1081</b>
<b>Total Overruled:</b>	<b>379</b>
<b>For Review (Candidate):</b>	<b>667</b>
<b>For Review (Objector):</b>	<b>249</b>
<b>Total Valid Signatures:</b>	<b>713</b>
<b>Total Unchallenged Sigs:</b>	<b>334</b>

**240 Signatures greater than the required minimum**

7. That neither party filed any motions under the Board's Rule 8, or otherwise challenge the results of the Records Examination.

For all of the foregoing stated reasons, I am recommending to the Board that the Objector's objections to the Candidate's candidacy be overruled; and that the Candidate's name be added to the ballot in the upcoming Election.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 23, 2019

By: Linda R. Crane  
Linda R. Crane, Hearing Officer