

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

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BEFORE THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON NOMINATION OBJECTIONS TO THE NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF **ALDERMAN OF THE 9th WARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE FEBRUARY 26th 2019, MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION(S)

AVA THOMAS,)
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 Petitioner-Objector)
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 v.)
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 ESSIE HALL,)
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 Respondent Candidate)

Case No. **19-EB-ALD-135**

VERIFIED OBJECTORS' PETITION

INTRODUCTION

AVA THOMAS, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Objector", states as follows:

1. The Objector (AVA THOMAS) resides at **10347 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60628, in the Ninth (9th) Ward of the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and is a duly qualified, legal, and registered voter at that address.** The objector is a registered voter in the 9th ward in the city of Chicago and meets the metric(s) of being a registered voter and being a registered voter in the 9th ward (the jurisdiction she is making the challenge in).

2. The **Objector's interest** in filing this Petition is that of a voter desirous that the laws governing the filing of nomination papers for the office of Alderman of the 9th Ward, City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, are properly complied with and that only qualified candidates appear on the ballot for said office. The objector has stated a valid interest in the election and meets this requirement of filing an objection which meets the metric of interest.

3. The Candidate **ESSIE HALL** is a candidate for the (Ninth) 9th Ward in/of the City of Chicago (County of Cook, State of Illinois). Hereafter **Essie Hall** will or may be (sometimes be) referred to as the "Candidate"

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4. The Objector makes the following objections to the purported nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of ("Candidate"), for the Non Partisan Nomination for the office of the Alderman of the 9th Ward of/in the City of Chicago("Office"), County of Cook, State of Illinois to be voted for at the General Primary Election on February 26th, 2019 ("Election"). The Objector states that the Nomination Papers are insufficient in fact and law for the following reasons:

5. Pursuant to State Law, nomination papers for the Office to be voted for at the Election must contain the signatures of not less than 473 duly qualified, registered, and legal voters of the Thirty-Fifth Ward of the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, collected in the manner prescribed by law. In addition, said Nomination Papers must truthfully allege the qualifications of the candidate, be gathered and presented in the manner provided for in the Illinois Election Code, and otherwise be executed in the form and manner required by law.

6. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons who are not registered voters, or who are not registered voters at the address shown opposite their respective names, as is set forth specifically in the Appendix-Recapitulation, attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the column designated with the heading "**A. Signer not registered at address shown,**" in violation of the Illinois Election Code.

7. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons who did not sign the papers in their own proper persons, and such signatures are not genuine and are forgeries, as is set forth specifically in the Appendix-Recapitulation, attached hereto and incorporated herein under the column designated with the heading "**B. Signature not genuine (includes Printed),**" in violation of the Illinois Election Code.

8. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons for whom the addresses stated are not in the Fourth Cook County Board District, County of Cook, State of Illinois, and such persons are not registered voters in the Fourth Cook County Board District, County of Cook, State of Illinois as is set forth specifically in the Appendix-Recapitulation, attached hereto and incorporated herein under the column designated with the heading "**C. Signer resides outside District**", in violation of the Illinois Election Code.

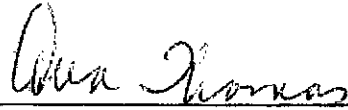
9. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons for whom the addresses given are either missing entirely or incomplete, as is set forth specifically in the Appendix-Recapitulation, attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the column designated with the heading "**D. Signer's address missing or incomplete,**" in violation of the Illinois Election Code.

10. The Nomination Papers contain petition sheets with the names of persons who have signed the Nomination Papers more than one time as is set forth specifically in the Appendix-Recapitulation, attached hereto and incorporated herein, under the column designated with the heading "**E. Signer signed petition more than once at Sheet/Line indicated**", in violation of the Illinois Election Code. The reasons are stated on the Appendix-Recapitulation sheets.


11. **The Appendix-Recapitulation is incorporated herein, and the objections made therein are a part of this Objector's Petition.** Please see attached.

12. After a records examination and hearing, the candidate **ESSIE HALL** shall be/will be/is under the required minimum number of signatures and her petitions shall be deemed not valid and her name shall not be allowed to appear on the ballot.

WHEREFORE, the Objectors request: a) a hearing on the objections set forth herein; b) an examination by the aforesaid Electoral Board of the official records relating to voters in the City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois—specifically insufficient signatures filed based on this objection, to the extent that such examination is pertinent to any of the matters alleged herein; c) a ruling that the Nomination Papers are insufficient in law and fact, and d) a ruling that the name of **ESSIE HALL** shall not appear and shall not be printed on the ballot for Election to the office of **Alderman of Ninth (9th) Ward of/in the City of Chicago**, County of Cook, State of Illinois, to be voted for at the Municipal General Election to be held on the 26th day of February, 2019. This is a Prayer for Relief and thus meets the metric requiring a Prayer for Relief.



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APPENDIX

RECAPITULATION

INCORPORATED

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