

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

Objections of: AVA THOMAS)
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 To the Nomination) No.: 19-EB-ALD-137
 Papers of: RACHEL WILLIAMS)
) Rel.: 19-EB-ALD-010
 Candidate for the office of)
 Alderman of the 9th 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 AVA THOMAS (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of RACHEL WILLIAMS, candidate for the office of Alderman of the 9th 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.

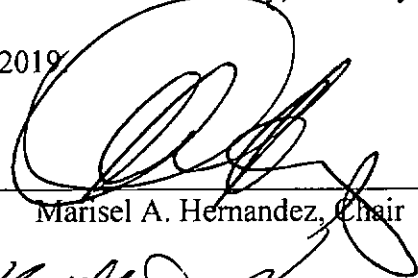
5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Bryan A. Gutraj for further hearings and proceedings.

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, AVA THOMAS, and/or her Attorney FRANK AVILA; and the Candidate, RACHEL WILLIAMS pro se .

7. The Electoral Board finds that on Thursday, January 3, 2019, the Candidate filed papers withdrawing as a candidate for election and requesting that her name not be printed upon the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of RACHEL WILLIAMS, candidate for the office of Alderman for the 9th 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.

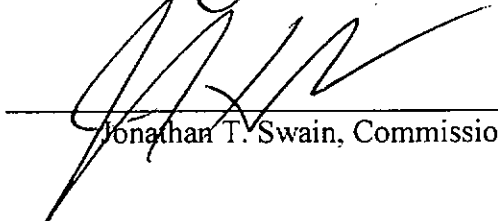
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.



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.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

I, Rachel Williams (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn, say that I reside at 10610 S. Rhodes in the City/Village of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois; that I am the same person whose name is subscribed hereto in whose behalf nomination papers were filed for the office of 9th Ward Alderman, _____ district, _____ Party, and I hereby withdraw as a candidate for said office and respectfully request that my name **NOT** be printed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the Municipal Election to be held on February 26, 2019 (date of election).

Rachel Williams
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK) SS.

I, Brandon C Demuro, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Rachel Williams personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to in the foregoing withdrawal, appeared before me in person this day and acknowledged that he/she signed the said instrument as his free and voluntary act of his/her own will and accord.

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Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by Rachel Williams before me on Jan 3rd 2019 (insert month, day, year)
(Name of Candidate)

Brandon C Demuro
(Notary Public's Signature)



Withdrawal is filed with the office where original nominating petition or certificate of nomination was filed. Upon receipt, the local election official must issue amended certification to each election authority who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.