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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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RACHEL WILLIAMS,)
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 Respondent Candidate)

Case No. **19-EB-ALD-137**

VERIFIED OBJECTORS' PETITION

INTRODUCTION

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

1. The Objector 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 RACHEL WILLIAMS is a candidate for the 9th Ward in/of the City of Chicago. The candidate filed insufficient signatures on its face. The requirement is 473 signatures and the candidate (Rachel Williams) only filed with 74.

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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

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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:

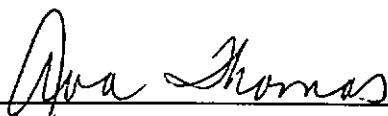
5. The Objector, Ava Thomas, notes the fact that the candidate (Rachel Williams) only filed with 74 signatures. This does not facially meet the prima facie requirement for the minimum number of signatures.

6. 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 Ninth (9th) 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.

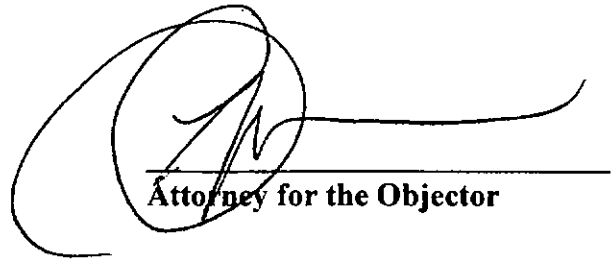
7. If the candidate (Rachel Williams) did not file 473 valid signatures (duly qualified, registered, and legal registered voters of the Ninth (9th) Ward), then she cannot appear on the ballot by function of law. There is no need for a line by line objection, nor to have recapitulation sheets attached—as the candidate (Rachel Williams—9th Ward Alderman of/in Chicago) did **NOT** file enough signatures per se.

8. CANDIDATE for the NINTH WARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO RACHEL WILLIAMS is 399 signatures less than the minimum requirement of 473 valid signatures. She only filed with 74 signatures and she is well below the required minimum with no way to rehabilitate signatures or have any other legal recourse. Because RACHEL WILLIAMS does not meet the required minimum amount of signatures, her name must be stricken from the ballot and not 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 the lack of signatures filed, 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 RACHEL WILLIAMS 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. The candidate did not file with enough signatures to be on the ballot (only 74 signatures were filed). This is a Prayer for Relief and meets the metric of the Prayer for Relief.




Objector



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