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

Objections of: CINDI SANDERS	)
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To the Nomination	) No.: 07-EB-ALD-181
Papers of: JULIUS ANDERSON	) (rel. ALD-085)
	)
Candidate for the office of	)
Alderman of the Twenty-fourth Ward,	j)
City of Chicago	)

## **FINDINGS AND DECISION**

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago Commissioners Langdon D. Neal and Richard A. Cowen, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Langdon D. Neal, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections ("Objections") of CINDI SANDERS ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of JULIUS ANDERSON, candidate for the office of Alderman of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of Chicago ("Candidate") to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 27, 2007, having convened on January 2, 2007, at 10:00 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 herein were duly and timely filed.
- 2. The said Electoral Board has been legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

- 3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued by the Chairman 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 January 2, 2007 and was continued from time to time.
- 5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner Gerald Mullin 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 Examiner on the date and at the time designated in the Call. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing; the Objector, CINDI SANDERS, *pro se*; the Candidate, JULIUS ANDERSON, by counsel, Lee Pulliam.
- 7. Objections were made that the Candidate's Nomination Papers did not contain a sufficient number of valid voter signatures.
- 8. The Hearing Examiner found that the Candidate's nominating petition contained at least 270 signatures for which no objection was made. The minimum signature requirement is 172. The Hearing Examiner recommends that these Objections be overruled.
- 9. The Objector also alleges that the Candidate did not reside at the address stated on his Nomination Papers for at least one year prior to the February 27, 2007 Municipal General Election.
- 10. After considering the evidence and argument presented by the parties, the Hearing Examiner found that the Objector had not shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the Candidate did not reside in the Ward for the requisite one year. Accordingly, the Hearing Examiner recommends that these Objections be overruled.

- 11. The Electoral Board adopts the recommendations of the Hearing Examiner.
- 12. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board overrules the Objections and finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.
- 13. The Electoral Board further finds that another objection against the Candidate's Nomination Papers were filed in case 07-EB-ALD-085 and that the objections were overruled in that case and the Candidate's Nomination Papers were deemed valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of CINDI SANDERS, to the Nomination Papers of JULIUS ANDERSON, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of JULIUS ANDERSON, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the Twenty-fourth Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 27, 2007.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2007.

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

Richard A. Cowen, 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 10 days after the decision of the Electoral Board.