

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

Objections of: ANDRE THAPEDI)
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To the Nomination)
Papers of: BOBBY JOE JOHNSON) No. 08-EB-RGA-27
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Candidate for the office of Representative in) (rel. cases RGA-19, RGA-25)
the General Assembly, 32nd District, State of)
Illinois, Democratic Party)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Chicago Board of Election Commissioners Langdon D. Neal, Richard A. Cowen, and Marisel A. Hernandez, 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 ANDRE THAPEDI ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of BOBBY JOE JOHNSON, candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 32nd District, State of Illinois ("Candidate"), having convened on November 20, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at 69 W. Washington Street, 8th Floor Conference Room, 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 November 20, 2007 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner Barbara Goodman for further hearings and proceedings.

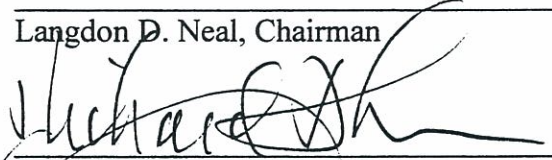
6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Examiner for a hearing on the date and at the time designated on the Electoral Board's docket. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, ANDRE THAPEDI, appearing by counsel, Llwellyn Thapedi; and the Candidate, BOBBY JOE JOHNSON, appearing pro se.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on November 26, 2007, the Candidate filed papers with the Illinois State Board of Elections withdrawing as a candidate and requesting that his name not be printed on the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

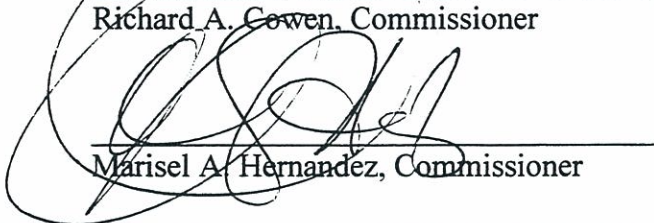
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of BOBBY JOE JOHNSON, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 32nd Representative District, State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on February 5, 2008.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 30th day of November, 2007.

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner



Marisel A. Hernandez, 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.

BEFORE THE CHICAGO BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING
AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE FEBRUARY 5, 2008 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

ANDRE THAPEDI)	
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Objector)	
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-v-)	08 EB RGA 27
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BOBBY JOE JOHNSON)	
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Candidate)	

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HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDED DECISION

This matter was first heard on November 20, 2007. Objector ANDRE THAPEDI, a licensed attorney, appeared on his own behalf and candidate BOBBY JOE JOHNSON appeared pro se. The parties were given an opportunity to submit preliminary motions. Neither party filed preliminary motions. A records examination was ordered and further hearings were scheduled for November 23, 2007. Inasmuch as the records examination was not completed, the matter was continued for further hearing on November 27, 2007. On November 26, 2007, the candidate filed a written withdrawal of candidacy with the State Board of Elections and a copy of said withdrawal was transmitted to the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. A copy of the withdrawal of candidacy is attached hereto.

Accordingly, in light of the candidate's withdrawal, the Objector's Petition was rendered moot and it is my recommendation that the candidate's nominating papers be deemed invalid and that the name of candidate Bobby Joe Johnson not appear on the ballot at the February 5, 2008 General Primary Election.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Goodman

Barbara Goodman
Hearing Examiner

11/27/07