

**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: LAWRENCE A. 'ANTON') No. 08-EB-RGA-29
SEALS, JR)
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Candidate for the office of Representative in) (rel. case RGA-18)
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 LAWRENCE A. 'ANTON' SEALS, JR, 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 Edwin Reyes 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, LAWRENCE A. 'ANTON' SEALS, JR., appearing by counsel, Michael J. Kasper.

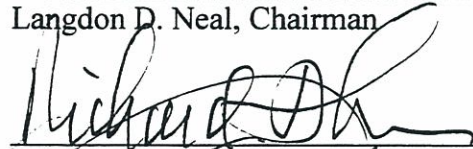
7. The Electoral Board finds that on November 26, 2007, the Candidate filed papers with the Illinois State Board of Elections withdrawing as a candidate and requesting that his name not be printed on the ballot, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of LAWRENCE A. 'ANTON' SEALS, JR., candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 32nd Representative District, State of

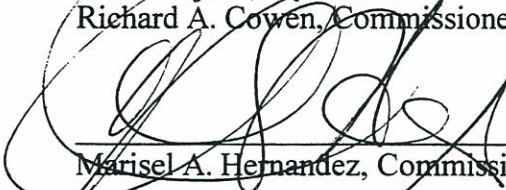
Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on February 5, 2008.

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

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner



Marisel A. Hernandez, Commissioner

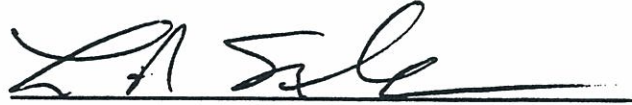
NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 10-10.1 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-10.1) a party aggrieved of this decision and seeking judicial review of this decision must file a petition for judicial review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County within 10 days after the decision of the Electoral Board.

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

I, Lawrence A. "Anton" Seals (Name of Candidate) being first duly sworn, say that I reside at 7014 S LOWE 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 State Rep 32ND, 32 district, Democrat 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 Primary Election to be held on 02/05/08 (date of election).



SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

STATE OF Illinois)
 COUNTY OF Cook) SS.

I, Shaw DeCremer, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Lawrence 'Anton' Seals 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.

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by Lawrence 'Anton' Seals before me on


11/25/07
 (insert month, day, year)

(Name of Candidate)




(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 petition to each election authority who prepares ballots for the political subdivision.



Service ATTACHED

**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
AS THE DUTY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD FOR HEARING AND
PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR
THE FEBRUARY 05, 2008 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR THE STATE OF
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 32ND DISTRICT FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO, STATE
OF ILLINOIS**

Objections of:)	
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ANDRE THAPEDI &)	
GEWELLYN L. THAPEDI,)	
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Petitioner-Objector,)	NO. 08-EB-RGA-29
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vs.)	
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To the nomination papers of:)	
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Lawrence A. "Anten" Seals, Jr., Candidate)	
for the office of State Representative for the 32 nd)	
District, City of Chicago, State of Illinois)	
Democratic Party,)	
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Respondent-Candidate)	Hearing Officer: Edwin Reyes

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FINDINGS AND DECISIONS

The captioned matter was scheduled for the initial hearing on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 3:00 p.m., on the lower level at 69 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The objections raised by the Petitioner-Objector were that the candidate Lawrence A. "Anten" Seals, Jr., has less than the 500 valid signatures of registered voters on the 32nd District.

The Hearing Officer, Edwin Reyes ordered a "Records Examination." The matter was continued to Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

On November 26, 2007, the Respondent-Candidate Lawrence A. "Anten" Seals, Jr. filed with the Chicago Board of Elections a "Withdrawal of Candidacy." pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7/2.10-7. (See Exhibit A, Attached).

The Hearing Examiner, Edwin Reyes recommends that Respondent-Candidate Lawrence A. "Anten" Seals, Jr. name not appear on the ballot for the February 5, 2008 General Primary Election due to his filing withdrawal of candidacy.

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Hearing Officer Edwin Reyes

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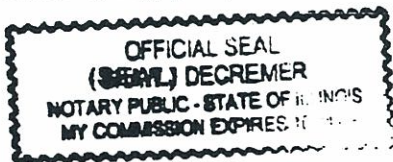
SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE

STATE OF Illinois)
COUNTY OF Cook) SS.

I, Shaw Decrem, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Lawrence Anton Seals 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.

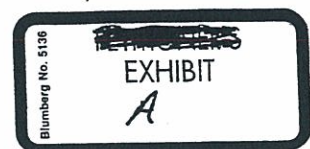
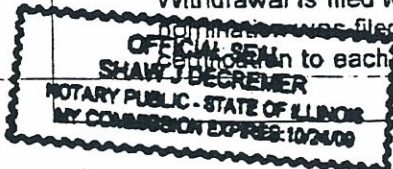
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by Lawrence Anton Seals before me on
(Name of Candidate)

11/25/07
(insert month, day, year)



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APPEARANCE

IN THE MATTER OF OBJECTIONS BY

Andre THAPEDI
(Objector)

v.

LAWRENCE A. "ANTON" SEALS, JR.
(Candidate)

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) 08-EB-RSA-29
) No. 07-SOEB-GP
) or
) No. 07-SOEB-GE

The undersigned enters the appearance of (circle one):

OBJECTOR / CANDIDATE

Andre THAPEDI

Appearing (circle one): Pro Se By Attorney

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

THOMAS)
Objector(s))
vs.)
SEALS)
Candidate)

Case No. RG 29

APPEARANCE

The undersigned hereby makes his/her appearance (either *pro se* or by attorney (circle one)) for _____ and designates the following address and telephone number(s) for Service or Notice of Filing pursuant to Rules 2 and 15 of the Electoral Board's Rules of Procedure:

Name: MICHAEL KASPER
(print your name here)

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(print your street address, suite, room, unit or apartment number here)

Chicago IL Zip 60601
(print your city, village or town and State here) (print your Zip Code here)

Telephone Number(s): 312.764.3292 (office) _____ (home)

I agree to accept service by facsimile at the following fax number: 312.368.4544

Date: 11/20

Check here if you are a licensed attorney: [Signature]
(sign your name here)

IMPORTANT NOTE: An objector or a candidate may appear in person on his or her own behalf ("pro se") and participate in the Electoral Board proceedings, or they may be represented by an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Illinois. Non-attorneys may not appear on behalf of or represent another party in Electoral Board proceedings, but non-attorneys may participate in records examinations or additional records examinations under Rules 6 and 7 of the Electoral Board's Rules of Procedure. See Rule 2 of the Electoral Board's Rules of Procedure for more detailed explanation.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The numbers listed shall be available for calls during the Board's working hours, including Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

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Appearances**