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

Objections of: LARRY G. NELSON	)
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To the Nomination	) No. 08-EB-WC-23
Papers of: JOE ANN BRADLEY	)
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Candidate for the office of Ward	)
Committeeman for the 24th Ward of the	)
City of Chicago, 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 LARRY G. NELSON ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of JOE ANN BRADLEY, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, Democratic Party ("Candidate"), having convened on November 26, 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.

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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 26, 2007 and was continued from time to time.

5.   The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner William J. Cadigan 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, LARRY G. NELSON, appearing pro se. Neither the Candidate, JOE ANN BRADLEY, nor anyone on her behalf appeared or answered when the case was called, and then recalled a second and third time.

7.   The Electoral Board file reflects that the Candidate was personally served with a copy of the Objections and with a copy of the Board's Call to the November 26, 2007 hearing by Sheriff's service on November 21, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the address listed on her Nomination Papers, 1342 S. Kedvale, Chicago, Illinois.

8.   The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate is defaulted for failing to appear at the hearing scheduled in this matter after having been duly served with notice of the hearing.

9.   Therefore, the Electoral Board finds that the Objections are sustained and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are deemed invalid, and the is Candidate is
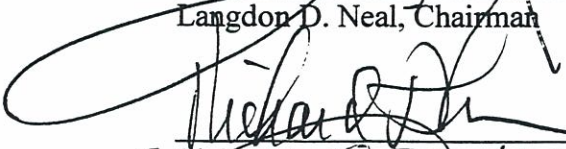
defaulted for failure to appear at the hearing conducted in this case after having been properly served.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of LARRY G. NELSON to the Nomination Papers of JOE ANN BRADLEY, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, Democratic Party, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of JOE ANN BRADLEY, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, Democratic Party, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on February 5, 2008.
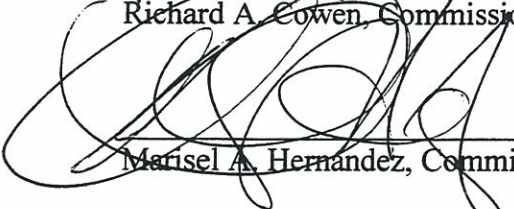
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 7th day of December 2007.

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Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

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Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner

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Marisel A. Hernández, 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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