

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

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Objections of: Terrence Austin )  
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To the Nomination ) No.: 12-EB-RGA-13  
Papers of: Anna Goral )  
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Candidate for the nomination of the )  
Democratic Party for the office of )  
Representative in the General Assembly of the )  
23rd Representative District, State of Illinois )

**FINDINGS AND DECISION**

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago 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 Terrence Austin (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of Anna Goral, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the 23rd Representative District in the State of Illinois (“Candidate”) at the General Primary Election to be held on March 20, 2012, having convened on December 19, 2011 at 8:30 AM, 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 December 19, 2011 and was continued from time to time.

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

6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, Terrence Austin, by attorney, Michael J. Kasper; and the Candidate, Anna Goral, pro se.

7. The Hearing Officer ordered that an examination of the voter registration records be conducted by clerks and agents under the Board's direction and supervision, in accordance with the laws of Illinois and the rules of the Board.

8. The Hearing Officer directed all parties to appear and be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives, during this records examination.

9. The Candidate and/or her duly authorized representative was present during the examination of the registration records.

10. The Objector and/or his duly authorized representative was present during the examination of the registration records.

11. The examination of the registration records was completed and the Electoral Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the results of the records examination conducted by its clerks and agents. The written report of the result of the registration records

examination is contained in the Electoral Board's file in this case and a copy has been provided or made available to the parties.

12. The results of the records examination indicate that:

A. The minimum number of valid signatures required by law for placement on the ballot for the office in question is 500;

B. The number of purportedly valid signatures appearing on the nominating petition filed by the Candidate total 894;

C. The number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained as a result of the records examination total 496;

D. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid as a result of the records examination total 398.

13. The Hearing Officer's report incorrectly lists the number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained in the records examination as 664; in fact, the number was 496. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid as a result of the records examination is, however, correctly listed on both reports as 398, so the Hearing Officer started at the correct starting point for purposes of any Rule 8 evidentiary hearings.

14. The Electoral Board finds that the number of valid signatures appearing on the Candidate's nominating petition following completion of the records examination was less than the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly of the 23rd Representative District of the State of Illinois.

15. The Hearing Officer conducted a hearing to allow the Candidate an opportunity to present evidence in support of her Rule 8 motion objecting to the Board's clerk's findings during the records examination.

16. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer found that the Candidate rehabilitated 88 signatures, but that the Candidate's Nomination Papers still contained only 486 valid signatures, which is 14 signature below the minimum number of 500 valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 23rd Representative District of the State of Illinois, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers should be found invalid.

17. The Electoral Board, having considered the evidence and arguments tendered by the parties and the Hearing Officer's report of recommended findings and conclusions of law, hereby adopts the Hearing Officer's recommended findings and conclusions of law, with the exception of the number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained in the records examination as described in paragraph 13 above. A copy of the Hearing Officer's report is attached hereto and is incorporated herein and made a part of the Electoral Board's decision in this case.

18. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate has an insufficient number of valid signatures on her nominating petitions and that the Nomination Papers of Anna Goral are, therefore, invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Terrence Austin to the Nomination Papers of Anna Goral, candidate for election to the office of Representative in the

General Assembly of the 23rd Representative District of the State of Illinois are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of Anna Goral, candidate for nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 23rd Representative District of the State of Illinois, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 30, 2012.

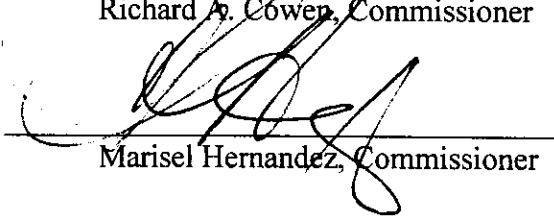
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 17, 2012.



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner



Marisel 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 5 days after service of the decision of the Electoral Board.

**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO  
AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE  
HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS  
TO NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES  
FOR THE MARCH 20, 2012 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

TERRENCE AUSTIN            )  
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                  Objector            )  
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-v-                                    )  
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ANNA GORAL                 )  
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                  Candidate         )

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COMMISSIONER

**HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDED DECISION**

This matter was first heard on December 19, 2011. The Objector appeared through counsel Michael Kasper and Kevin Morphew. The candidate appeared pro se. The parties were given the opportunity to file preliminary motions. Neither party submitted preliminary motions. The matter was set for further hearing.

The objections concerned allegations regarding the sufficiency of the signatures contained in the nominating papers and required a records examination. A records examination was conducted and the results were as follows:

- A. The minimum number of valid signatures required by law for placement on the ballot for the office in question is 500.
- B. The number of purportedly valid signatures appearing on the nominating petition filed by the Candidate total 894.

C. The number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained in the records examination total 664.

D. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid as a result of the records examination total 398.

The results of the records examination established that the candidate had 102 signatures less than the required number of signatures for placement on the ballot. Both parties filed motions pursuant to Rule 8 of the Board's Rules of Procedure (Rule 8) and the matter was set for further hearing on the Rule 8 Motions.

#### **Candidate's Rule 8 Motion**

At the hearing, the candidate submitted 153 affidavits in the form attached hereto. Each of the signatures for which affidavits were submitted were reviewed along with the signature contained in the nominating papers and the registration signature clip, where available.

The attached list contains the number of the affidavit presented, the name of the signer, the sheet and line where the signature is contained and the ruling after the Rule 8 hearing. The designations on the list are more fully explained below.

In the instances where there was any similarity, however small, between the signature in the nominating papers, the signature in the affidavit and the signature on the registration record, the Candidate sufficiently established that the signature on the nominating papers was the genuine signature of the registered voter that purported to sign the nominating papers. Accordingly, those rulings were changed from sustained to overruled and are indicated in the attached list with the designation "O" next to the name.

In the instances where there was an insufficient link between the signature on the nominating papers, the signature on the affidavit and the registration record, there was no change in the ruling from the records examination and those signatures are indicated in the attached list with the designation "NC" next to the respective sheet and line numbers.

In eleven (11) instances, before all of the evidence was brought before this hearing officer, the Objector conceded that the ruling should be changed. Those instances are indicated in the attached list with the designation "OAgreed" next to the respective sheet and line numbers which resulted in the rulings being changed from sustained to overruled.

In one instance, the Candidate did not preserve the ruling at the records examination in order for it to be considered during the Rule 8 hearing. That instance is indicated in the attached list with the designation "NP" next to the respective sheet and line number.

In one instance, the ruling at the records examination was "overruled" and there was no change as a result of that signature already having been considered valid. That instance is indicated with the designation "NC (AO)" next to the respective sheet and line number meaning no change – already overruled.

In one instances, there was no objection to the particular sheet and line made during the records examination and therefore no ruling. That instance is indicated with the designation "No obj." next to the respective sheet and line.

In the instances where the objection was sustained in the records examination on the basis of the signer not being registered and no matching registration record was



produced, there was no change in the rulings. Those instances are indicated with the designation RNC next to the respective sheet and line numbers.

In one instance where an affidavit was submitted, the spelling on the affidavit did not match the spelling on the nominating papers or registration records and therefore, the ruling was not changed. The candidate then offered a videotaped statement from the signer with a copy of his driver's license in which he identified himself as the signer of the affidavit and the nominating papers. Although the video tape was hearsay and would not have been admissible in a court of law, the rules of evidence in electoral board proceedings can be relaxed. However, the video tape was persuasive and the ruling was changed, with the concession of the Objector, to O. That instance is indicated with "O-VT" next to the respective sheet and line number.

At the conclusion of Candidate's Rule 8 hearing, the Candidate gained eighty-eight (88) signatures. The final result was that the Candidate had 486 valid signature said number being fourteen (14) below the minimum number of signatures required. The Objector rested without presenting evidence pursuant to his Rule 8 motion.

#### **CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing, it is my recommendation that the objections of Terrence Austin to the nominating papers of Anna Goral be sustained in conformity with the results of the records examination and subsequent rulings in the Rule 8 hearing. It is my further recommendation that candidate Anna Goral's nominating papers be deemed **invalid** and that the name of candidate Anna Goral for the Democratic nomination to the office of Representative in the 23rd Representative District **NOT** be printed on the ballot at the March 20, 2012 General Primary Election.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara Goodman /s/*

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Barbara Goodman, Hearing Examiner  
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**AFFIDAVIT**

I, JOSEPH T LAKATOS being duly sworn and placed under oath depose and state:

1. I am a resident and registered voter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Representative District of the State of Illinois at the following address:

Address: 8602 HUNTINGTON CT

City/Town/Village: JUSTICE  
Cook County, Illinois

2. I solemnly swear and affirm that I did in fact sign a petition for Anna Goral for Democratic State Representative of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Representative District of Illinois.

My signature appears on sheet 1 on line 5, of the nominating petition for Anna Goral as a candidate for the Democratic Party nomination in the General Assembly of the State of Illinois for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Representative District for the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 primary election.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:

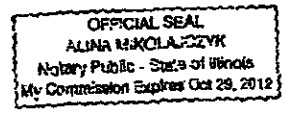
Joseph T Lakatos  
(Signature of Affiant)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by Joseph T Lakatos before me, on  
(Name of Voter)

01/01/2012  
(Insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

Alina Mikolajczyk  
(Notary Public's Signature)



1	Joseph T. Kakatos	1,5	O
2	Andrzej Pirszel	1,8	NC
3	Ludwika Krzysiak	2,3	NC
4	Grzegorz Maryniarczyk	2,4	NC
5	Walter Szczechula	2,5	O
6	Stella Szczechula	2,6	O
7	Agnes Paliwoda	3,14	RNC
8	Lidia Paliwoda	3,15	OAgreed
9	Bogdan Bednarski	4,10	NC
10	Anna Sularz	4,13	O
11	Jan Sularz	4,14	O
12	Karolina Piecek	5,6	O
13	Manuel Donato	5,9	O
14	Katherine Salto	5,10	NC
15	Bruck Schoenbaum	5,11	O
16	Katherine Smogur	5,13	O
17	Adnan Hasan	11,6	NC
18	Kazimieri Leja	10,2	NC
19	John Waksmundzki	11,1	NC
20	Anita Banas	13,4	O
21	Joseph Remiasz	13,8	NC
22	Wojciech Mochon	15,2	NC
23	Margaret Costello	17,9	O
24	Kefoyeh Abdoullah	17,12	O
25	Diana Sanchez	17,13	O
26	Anna M.P.Sako	18,1	O
27	Christopher Trzop	18,4	O
28	Zofia Knapczyk	18,7	O
29	Maria Rangel	19,1	NC

30	Erica Rangel	19,2	NC
31	Derek Stoch	19,4	NC
32	Danuta Barej	19,7	O
33	Robert Slowik	19,8	NC
34	Iga Jelen Kokowicz	19,10	RNC
35	Noreen Jaweed	19,12	NC
36	Atif Jaweed	19,13	NC
37	Jose Jaurez	19,14	O
38	Janina Sobanski	20,5	RNC
39	Stanislaw Smolka	20,7	O
40	Ismael Flores	21,3	O
41	Azulema Flores	21,2	O
42	A. Rodriguez J	22,1	O
43	Madeline Simmons	22,4	O
44	Michael Hecker	22,11	No obj.
	Grzegorz		
45	Waksmundzki	22,15	O
46	Nina Szafarski	23,8	NC
47	Krzysztof Zubek	23,11	O
48	Andrzej Chlebek	24,12	O
49	Agnieszka Gal	25,3	O
50	William Shanahan	25,5	O
51	Harold Krug	25,11	O
52	Jean Krug	25,12	O
53	Jakub Maj	26,8	O
54	Ted Bojarowicz	28,1	O
55	Catherine Gabral	28,4	O
56	Chester Kruk	28,8	NC
57	Danuta Osika	28,10	O

58	Jan Osika	28,9	NC
59	Barbara Gamino	28,15	O
60	Rihab Issa	29,2	O
61	Kazimierz Syska	29,4	O
62	Bronislawa Tylka	30,4	O
63	Mary Zukowski	30,8	O
64	Frank Zukowski	30,9	O
65	Ameta Glab	31,11	NC
66	Joseph Martinez	33,5	O
67	Byron Sparrow	33,6	NC
68	Taj Banks	33,8	RNC
69	Delbert Gibson	33,15	O
70	Beata Tylecka	43,1	O
71	Christopher Kielbesa	34,5	NC
72	Daniel Kielbesa	34,7	NC
73	Lloyd A. Whitly	34,8	O-VT
74	Lobas Krzysztof	34,14	NC
75	Aniela Solodczka	35,1	O
76	McNally	35,4	NC
77	Margot M. Latasiewicz	35,5	NP
78	Andrew St. Paul	35,8	OAgreed
79	Alia Maali	35,10	O
80	Joseph Quick	36,4	O
81	Joseph Dunleavy	37,6	O
82	Joan M. Swavely	38,5	NC
83	Aneta Kulach	39,6	OAgreed
84	Zofia Kulach	39,7	OAgreed
85	Bogdan Kulach	39,8	OAgreed
86	Helena Jarosz	39,9	NC

87	Stefania Noga	39,12	O
88	John Ligas	40,2	O
89	Stanley Knapczyk	40,6	NC
90	Harriet Basiorka	40,7	O
91	Jerzy Siwiec	41,1	O
92	Michael Maruszak	41,7	O
93	Wlapyślawa Bielanski	41,12	NC
94	Gualalupe Macias	42,1	NC
95	Darius Dabroski	42,3	O
96	Benjamin Wisniewski	42,8	O
97	Richard Pierzchalski	42,10	OAgreed
98	Eugene Rutkiewicz	43,1	O
99	Neveen Hasan	43,13	O
100	Wladyslaw Zarycki	44,1	NC
101	Stefan Trzop	44,1	NC
102	Albin Zawada	44,13	NC
103	Charles Grider	47,4	O
104	Daniel Hamzik	49,11	NC
105	Ahamd Zahdan	48,2	O
106	Salina Elizondo	48,8	O
107	Antonia Georgiopoulos	48,11	NC
108	Marie Hammad	48,12	NC
109	Bret Wentz	49,2	O
110	Jaime Villa	49,5	NC
111	Bart Barcewicz	50,4	NC
112	Stephen Campton	50,6	NC
113	Monique Cerkovich	50,11	NC
114	Terrence Toomey	50,14	O
115	Martha Gamboa	50,15	O

116	Paul Kiskan	52,1	NC
117	Kimberly Gyrion	52,2	NC
118	Boguslaw Chropufta	52,3	O
119	Mark Myszkowski	52,5	NC
120	Leonardo Crisostomo	52,6	NC
121	Lisa Crisostomo	53,7	NC
122	Terrence Whittle	52,12	NC
123	Gligor Suciu	52,13	OAgreed
124	J.P. Cardenas	54,3	NC
125	Kenan Memishi	54,12	OAgreed
126	Mike Kapytek	54,13	O
127	Sostenes Ramirez	55,8	O
128	Philip Mark	56,4	O
129	Robert McVey	56,13	O
130	Jerry Reed	56,14	NC
131	Helen Las	58,5	O
132	Frank Las	58,6	NC
133	Christopher Las	58,7	NC
134	Misael Ramirez	59,2	O
135	Elizabeth Szoldrowski	59,13	OAgreed
136	Leonard M. Woods	62,2	O
137	Jesus Calderon	62,10	NC
138	Katarzyna Sikora	63,7	NC
139	David Janowski	63,8	NC
140	Patricia Weiler	64,1	NC
141	Nicholas Morgan	66,8	O
142	Patricia Morgan	66,9	O
143	Theresa Bidu	70,2	O
144	Lawrence Kaluzny	70,10	OAgreed



145	Bachleda	72,14	O
146	Elizabeth Bachleda	72,15	NC (AO)
147	Christina Lopez	73,6	NC
148	Monika Lochynska	74,4	NC
149	Alejandro Deaugeros	74,9	NC
150	Wayne Walter Alberts	74,10	O
151	Robert Rozewicki	74,12	OAgreed
152	Maria Krzeptowska	76,1	O
153	Andrew Krzeptowski	76,4	NC