

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

Objections of: Carl Segvich)
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To the Nomination) No.: 12-EB-WC-13
Papers of: Richard A. Catezone, Jr.)
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Candidate for the office of Republican Party)
Ward Committeeman for the 11th Ward, City)
of Chicago)

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 Carl Segvich (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nominating Papers”) of Richard A. Catezone, Jr., candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 11th Ward of the City of Chicago (“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 Fredrick Bates 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 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, Carl Segvich, pro se; and the Candidate, Richard A. Catezone, Jr., pro se.

7. 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 failed to file a Statement of Candidacy as required by the law and recommends that such failure renders the Candidate's nomination papers invalid.

8. Section 7-10 of The Election Code (10 ILCS 5/7-10) requires that a candidate's nomination papers include a statement of candidacy setting out the name and address of the candidate, the office for which he or she is a candidate, and stating that the candidate is qualified for the office specified and that the candidate has filed (or will file before the end of the filing period) a statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. The statement of candidacy shall request that the candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot and shall be in substantially the form set forth in Section 7-10 and shall be subscribed and

sworn to by the candidate before some officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in the State of Illinois.

9. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate did not file a Statement of Candidacy with his Nomination Papers as required by Section 7-10 of The Election Code.

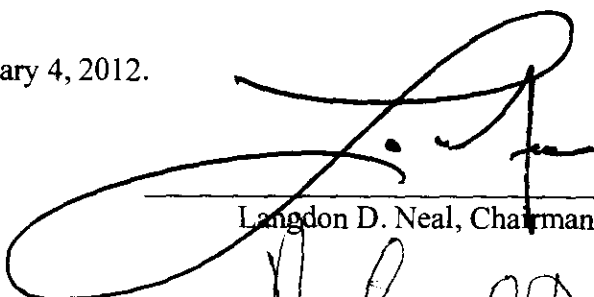
10. The Electoral Board finds that the failure to file a statement of candidacy renders the Candidate's nomination papers invalid. *Chambers v. Heidt*, 11-EB-ALD-103, CBEC, January 18, 2011; *Nelson v. Williams*, 08-EB-WC-29, CBEC, December 4, 2007; *Delk v. Johnson*, 07-EB-ALD-083, CBEC, January 9, 2007; *Sumlin v. Elliott*, 07-EB-ALD-172, CBEC, January 9, 2007; *Purnell v. Alcozer*, 95-EB-ALD-28, CBEC, 1995; *Hernandez v. Alcozer*, 95-EB-ALD-39, CBEC, 1995; *Mobley v. Beard*, 95-EB-MUN-07, CBEC, 1995; *Lacy v. Sias*, 92-EB-WC-35, CBEC, 1992.

11. 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.

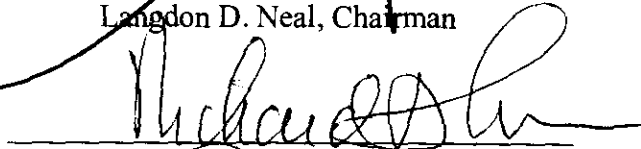
12. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of Carl Segvich to the Nomination Papers of Richard A. Catezone, Jr., candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 11th Ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of Richard A. Catezone, Jr., candidate for the office of Republican Party Ward Committeeman for the 11th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 20, 2012.

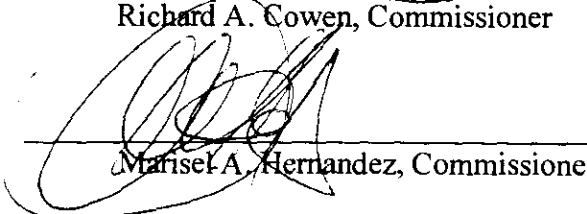
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 4, 2012.



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