

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

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Objections of: SHAJAN KURIAKOSE and )  
HARRIETTE MIMMS )  
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To the Nomination ) No.: 19-EB-MUN-011  
Papers of: LORI LIGHTFOOT )  
)  
Candidate for the office of )  
Mayor of the City of Chicago )  
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**FINDINGS AND DECISION**

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago, Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, William J. Kresse, and Jonathan T. Swain, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections (“Objections”) of SHAJAN KURIAKOSE and HARRIETTE MIMMS (“Objectors”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of LORI LIGHTFOOT, candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 26, 2019, having convened on December 10, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., 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 were duly 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 Chair of the Electoral Board and served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the Objectors and the Candidate, by registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute or service was waived.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on December 10, 2018 and was continued from time to time.

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

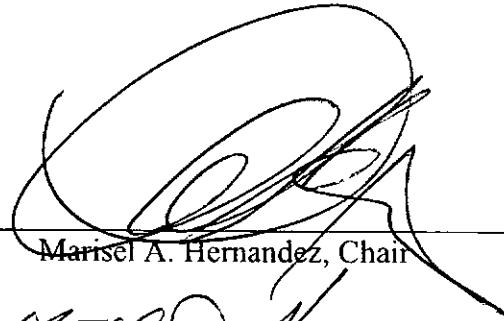
6. The Objectors and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objectors, SHAJAN KURIAKOSE and HARRIETTE MIMMS and/or their Attorney, KERILYN J. KRAFTHEFER; and the Candidate, LORI LIGHTFOOT and/or her Attorney, MICHAEL C. DORF.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on December 24, 2018 the Objectors moved to withdraw their Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board grants the motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

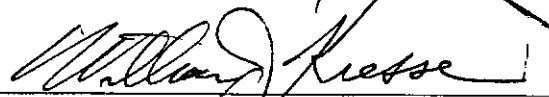
8. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, the Objections having been withdrawn and there being no other objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers, the Nomination Papers are legally valid and the name of LORI LIGHTFOOT, candidate for election to the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 26, 2019.

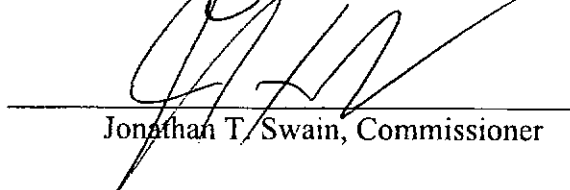
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on January 02, 2019.



Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair



William J. Kresse, Commissioner



Jonathan T. Swain, 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.

BEFORE  
 THE 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 FEBRUARY 26, 2019, MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION  
 FOR MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER, AND ALDERMAN  
 IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

SHAJAN KURIAKOSE and HARRIETTE )	)	
MIMMS, )	)	
<i>Objectors,</i> )	)	No. 19-EB-MUN-011
vs. )	)	Hearing Officer Morris
LORI LIGHTFOOT, )	)	
<i>Candidate.</i> )	)	

**REPORT OF THE HEARING OFFICER  
 AND RECOMMENDED DECISION**

1. An Initial Hearing was held herein on December 10, 2018. The Objectors attended by counsel, Keri-Lyn Krafthefer of Ancel, Glink P.C., and the Candidate attended by counsel, Michael C. Dorf. Appearances of the parties were entered and exchanged and counsel on both sides submitted e-mail addresses from and through which they agreed to file and serve papers and otherwise communicate with the Electoral Board, the Hearing Officer, and each other. Confidentiality and non-disclosure Agreements were properly executed and filed. The Candidate's Nomination Papers were marked as Board Exhibit A and received into the record. The Objectors' Petition was marked as Board Exhibit B and received into the record. The Notice of Call and the parties' waivers of service of summonses were marked as Board Group Exhibit C and received into the record. The parties' written appearances and confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements were marked as Board Group Exhibit D and received into the record. It was clear on the face of the papers

that a records examination was required and the Hearing Officer entered a directive for the conduct of a records examination.

2. A records examination was commenced and the parties and their respective representatives participated in it and it continued from day to day thereafter.

3. In due course the Candidate filed a timely Motion to Strike and Dismiss the Objectors' Petition; the Objectors filed a timely response; and the Candidate filed a timely reply. Oral argument was held on the motion on December 17, 2018, and the motion was taken under advisement. At that hearing the Objectors voluntarily withdrew Paragraph 10 of the Objectors' Petition setting forth objections to the conduct of certain named circulators and alleging the existence of a pattern of fraud in connection with the Nomination Papers.

4. At a status hearing held on December 21, 2018, at which the parties received and considered an interim report from the Deputy Executive Director of the Board regarding the status of the records examination. The parties discussed and agreed to a plan for evidentiary proceedings on (a) issues arising under prospective cross-motions under Rule 8 of the Rules of the Electoral Board and (b) issues arising in connection with allegations that certain electors had signed the Candidate's Nomination Papers after subscribing to nomination papers of one or more other candidates for the same office. A Case Management Order memorializing the withdrawal of Paragraph 10 of the Objectors' Petition and setting forth preliminary arrangements for proceeding to evidentiary hearings entered that day, and a further status hearing was scheduled to be held on December 24, 2018, to review the status of the records examination; to decide whether or not to suspend the records examination if warranted; and to establish a precise timetable for further proceedings.

5. On December 23, 2018, the Objectors filed a written Motion to Withdrawn the Objectors' Petition in its entirety.

6. The status hearing was held, as scheduled, on December 24, 2018. At the status hearing the Objectors advised the Hearing Officer and the Candidate of the filing on December 23, 2018, of the Objectors' Motion to Withdraw the Objectors' Petition in its entirety. The Objectors orally affirmed their desire to abandon their objection and to terminate these proceedings favorably to the Candidate. The Candidate stated that she had no objection to the Motion to Withdraw the Objectors' Petition.

7. The Hearing Officer thereupon terminated the records examination and informed the parties that he would recommend to the Board that the Objectors' motion to withdrawn their Objectors' Petition be granted; that the proceeding be terminated favorably to the Candidate; and that a final decision be entered directing that the name of the Candidate shall appear on the ballot. The proceeding was thereupon adjourned.

8. The Hearing Officer recommends that the Electoral Board GRANT the Objectors' motion to withdraw their Objector's Petition in its entirety.

9. The Hearing Examiner recommends that the Electoral Board enter the following conclusions of law:

(a) The Objectors' Petition is withdrawn and is thus not well founded, and the relief sought therein should be denied.

(b) The Candidate's nomination papers are sufficient in law and fact.

10. The Hearing Examiner recommends that the Electoral Board enter the following final administrative decision:

The name of LORI LIGHTFOOT shall appear and shall be printed on the ballot for election to the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago to be voted for at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 26, 2019.

Enter:

*/s/* **JOSEPH A. MORRIS**

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**JOSEPH A. MORRIS**  
Hearing Officer

Dated: December 26, 2018.