

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

Objections of: RICHARD BARNETT)
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To the Nomination) No.: 07-EB-MUN-013
Papers of: ZIFF ANTHONY SISTRUNK) (rel. MUN-007, MUN-016)
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Candidate for the office of)
Mayor of the City of Chicago)

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago Commissioners Langdon D. Neal and Richard A. Cowen, 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 RICHARD BARNETT (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of ZIFF ANTHONY SISTRUNK, 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 27, 2007, having convened on January 2, 2007, at 10:00 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 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 January 2, 2007 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner Barbara Goodman 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 Examiner on the date and at the time designated in the Call. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector, RICHARD BARNETT, by counsel, Randy Crumpton; and the Candidate, ZIFF ANTHONY SISTRUNK, *pro se*.

7. The Objector's Petition alleges that the Candidate failed to file a sufficient number of valid voter signatures for placement on the ballot for the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago.


8. The Hearing Examiner's review of the nominating petitions indicated, and the Candidate conceded, that he filed far less than the statutory minimum number of required signatures. The number of signatures required of candidates for the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago is 12,500. (65 ILCS 20/21-28(b)). The Candidate offered no defense to the Objections

9. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate's nominating petition sheets contain far fewer than the minimum number of voter signatures required for candidate petitions for the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago.

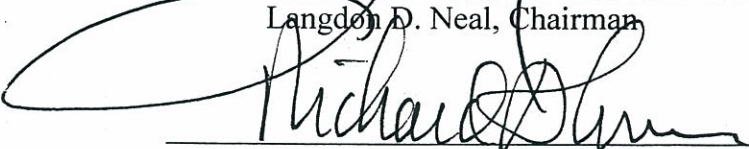
10. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board sustains the Objections and finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of RICHARD BARNETT to the Nomination Papers of ZIFF ANTHONY SISTRUNK, candidate for election to the office Mayor of the City of Chicago, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of ZIFF ANTHONY SISTRUNK, candidate for election to the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the Municipal General Election to be held on February 27, 2007.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 19th day of January, 2007.



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cowen, 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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FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS
TO NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE FEBRUARY 27, 2007 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION
FOR MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND ALDERMAN
IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

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 Objector)
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 -v-) 07-EB-MUN-013
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 ZIFF ANTHONY SISTRUNK)
 Candidate)

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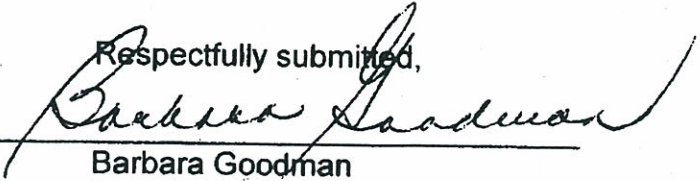
HEARING EXAMINER'S REPORT

This cause came to be heard before this Hearing Examiner on January 2, 2007. The candidate appeared pro se and the objector appeared through counsel. At that time, the parties were given an opportunity to file preliminary motions and responses. The parties declined the opportunity to file preliminary motions. The matter was continued for further hearing on January 8, 2007.

The Objector's Petition alleged that the candidate failed to file a sufficient number of signatures for placement on the ballot. A review of the nominating papers indicated and the candidate conceded that he filed far less than the statutory minimum number of required signatures. The requisite number of signatures for the office of Mayor of the City of Chicago is 12,500. Candidate offered no defense.

For the foregoing reasons, it is my recommendation that the Objections of RICHARD BARNETT to the nominating papers of ZIFF ANTHONY SISTRUNK be sustained and that the candidate's nominating papers be deemed invalid.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara Goodman", written over a horizontal line.

Barbara Goodman
Hearing Examiner