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

Objections of: PAUL MCKINLEY	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No.: 24-EB-WC-005
Papers of: DALE A. CHARLETTA	)	
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Candidate for election to the office of	)	
REPUBLICAN Party Ward Committeeperson	)	
in the 4th Ward of the City of Chicago, State	)	
of Illinois	)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of the Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago, Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, William J. Kresse and June A. Brown, 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 PAUL MCKINLEY ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of DALE A. CHARLETTA, candidate for election to the office of REPUBLICAN Party Ward Committeeperson, 4th Ward in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois ("Candidate") at the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, having convened on December 18, 2023, at 9:30 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 and timely filed.

2. The Electoral Board was 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 Objector and the Candidate, by registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute or statutory service was waived and service by email was authorized.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on December 18, 2023 and was continued from time to time. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Lynne Ostfeld for further hearings and proceedings. The initial hearing was continued to December 22, 2023.

5. 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. Appearances were filed by or on behalf of the following persons: the Objector, PAUL MCKINLEY, appeared pro se and the Candidate, DALE A. CHARLETTA, by Attorney DANIEL J KELLEY.

6. The Candidate filed a Motion to Dismiss, and the Objector responded. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision denying the Candidate's Motion to Dismiss and finding the nominating petitions contained only 4 signatures. A minimum of 66 signatures are required by law.

7. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer found that the Candidate's Nomination Papers contained only 4 signatures, which is 62 less than the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for election to the office of REPUBLICAN Party Ward Committeeperson, 4th Ward in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois ("Candidate") at the General Primary Election 4th Ward of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, and that the Candidate's Nomination Papers should be found invalid.

8. 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 and incorporates them herein.

9. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board finds that the Candidate has an insufficient number of valid signatures on his nominating petitions and that the Nomination Papers of DALE A. CHARLETTA are, therefore, invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of PAUL MCKINLEY to the Nomination Papers of DALE A. CHARLETTA, candidate for election to the office of REPUBLICAN Party Ward Committeeperson of the 4th Ward City of Chicago, State of Illinois, are hereby SUSTAINED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared INVALID and the name of DALE A. CHARLETTA shall NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

Dated: January 5, 2024

Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair

William J. Kresse, Commissioner

June A. Brown, Commissioner

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 10-10.1 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-10.1) a party aggrieved by 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.