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

Objections of: WILSON NARSA	)	
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To the Nomination	)	No.: 24-EB-WC-039
Papers of: MAXWELL RICE	)	
	)	Related: 24-EB-WC-037
Candidate for election to the office of	)	
REPUBLICAN Party Ward Committeeperson	)	
of the 50th Ward, 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 WILSON NARSA ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of MAXWELL RICE, candidate for election to the office of REPUBLICAN Party Ward Committeeperson of the 50th Ward, 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 as indicated in the record.

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 Christopher Agrella for further hearings and proceedings.

5. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call 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, WILSON NARSA, by Attorney LAURA MARY KOTELMAN; and the Candidate, MAXWELL RICE, *pro se*.

6. The Electoral Board finds that a records examination was conducted, and which resulted in the Candidate having more than the statutory minimum number of signatures required for placement on the ballot.

7. However, the Electoral Board further finds that, subsequent to the completion of the records examination, the Objector filed a Motion to Withdraw the Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board hereby grants the Objector's Motion to Withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

8. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board dismisses the Objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers.

9. The Electoral Board further finds that objections to the Candidate's Nomination Papers were filed in the related case of *Daniel J. Kelley v. Maxwell Rice*, 24-EB-WC-037, and

said case was still pending at the time the Electoral Board entered this final decision in the present case. The final results of the other related matter, 24-EB-WC-037, shall therefore be determinative of whether the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

10. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of WILSON NARSA to the Nomination Papers of MAXWELL RICE, candidate for election to the office of REPUBLICAN Party Ward Committeeperson of the 50th Ward, City of Chicago, State of Illinois, are hereby dismissed with prejudice.

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.