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

Objections of: James A. Cunningham	)	
	)	No. 26-EB-QPP-004
To the: Petition for referendum in Precincts 3 - 10 of the 29th Ward of the City of Chicago, and Walter Adamczyk as principal proponent	)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago, Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, June A. Brown, and Laura Kotelman, 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 James A. Cunningham ("Objector") to the petition for referendum to be voted upon by the voters of the Precincts 3 - 10 of the 29th Ward of the City of Chicago ("Referendum Petition") of Walter Adamczyk ("Principal Proponent"), at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, having convened on Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 10:00 AM in Room 800, 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, and having heard and determined the Objections to the Petition in the above-entitled matter, finds that:

1. Objections to the Petition for referendum 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

Principal Proponent, 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 August 17, 2026, and was continued from time to time.

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

6. The Objector and the Principal Proponent 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, James A. Cunningham, pro se ; and the Principal Proponent, Walter Adamczyk, by Attorney Pericles Abbasi

7. The Hearing Officer ordered that an examination of the voter registration records be conducted by clerks and agents under the Board's direction and supervision, in accordance with the laws of Illinois and the rules of the Board.

8. The Hearing Officer directed all parties to appear and be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives, during this records examination.

9. The Proponent and/or the Proponent's duly authorized representative was present during the examination of the registration records or waived their right to do so.

10. The Objector and/or the Objector's duly authorized representative were present during the examination of the registration records or waived their right to do so.

11. The examination of the registration records was completed, and the Electoral Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the results of the records examination conducted by its clerks and agents. The written report of the result of the registration records

examination is contained in the Electoral Board's file in this case, and a copy has been provided or made available to the parties.

12. The results of the records examination indicate that:

A. The minimum number of valid signatures required by law for placement on the ballot for the office in question is 351;

B. The number of purportedly valid signatures appearing on the Petition filed by the Proponent total 352;

C. The number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained as a result of the records examination total 65;

D. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid as a result of the records examination total 287.

13. The Electoral Board finds that the number of valid signatures appearing on the Petition for referendum following completion of the records examination was fewer than the minimum number of valid signatures required by law to be placed upon the official ballot.

14. No motion was filed under Rule 8 of the Electoral Board's Rules of Procedure.

15. 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 Referendum Petition contained only 287 valid signatures, which is fewer than the minimum number of valid signatures required by law for the Referendum to be placed upon the official ballot of the Precincts 3 - 10 of the 29th Ward of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, and that the Referendum Petition should be found invalid.

16. The Hearing Officer has tendered to the Electoral Board a report and recommended decision. Based upon the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer recommends that the Objections to the Referendum Petition be sustained in conformity with the results of the records examination and that the Referendum Petition be declared invalid.

17. 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.

18. For the reasons stated above, the Electoral Board sustains the Objections to the Referendum Petition and finds that the Referendum Petition is legally invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of James A. Cunningham to the Petition of Walter Adamczyk, for a referendum in the Precincts 3 - 10 of the 29th Ward of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, are hereby SUSTAINED, said Petition is hereby declared INVALID and the Referendum, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

Marisel A. Hernandez, Chair

June A. Brown, Commissioner

Laura Kotelman, 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.