

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

NICHOLAS AUSTIN,)	
)	
Petitioner-Objector,)	
)	Charge No. 2022-MOEB-1
v.)	
)	
JALEESA DAVIS,)	
)	
Respondent-Candidate.)	

RECOMMENDATION OF HEARING OFFICER

John A. Mehlick, Hearing Officer for the Electoral Board, City of Springfield, Illinois, makes his recommendation as follows:

1. That for the office of Ward 7 Alderman of the City of Springfield, Illinois, the signatures of not less than 252 duly qualified, registered and legal voters of Ward 7 are required.
2. Jaleesa Davis filed her nomination papers containing 274 names. Davis Exhibit 4.
3. Paragraph 9 of Objector’s Petition is to be amended. Ward “5” is changed to Ward “7” in Davis Exhibit 2.
4. Exhibit 5 is the official Registration Records of the Sangamon County Election Office. Exhibit 6 is a listing of signees not registered at all. Exhibit 7 is a list of signees not registered at address shown.
5. The following should not be counted toward the 252 total because the signee is either not registered or the signee is not registered at addresses shown:

EXHIBIT 6 – Not Registered

	Sheet No.	Line No.
a.	4	6
b.	6	4
c.	8	4

	Sheet No.	Line No.
d.	10	1
e.	14	6
f.	26	4
g.	30	5

TOTAL: 7

EXHIBIT 7 reflects signees not registered at address with page from Exhibit 5 showing address.

	Sheet No.	Line No.	Exhibit 5 Page No.
a.	6	3	29
b.	8	5	31
c.	13	10	39
d.	21	2	80
e.	25	1	82
f.	25	8	84
g.	26	5	84
h.	27	6	91
i.	27	7	92
j.	27	8	94
k.	27	9	96
l.	30	3	100, 102
m.	36	4	116, 118
n.	36	6	120, 122, 123

TOTAL: 15

TOTAL FROM EXHIBIT 6 (not registered - 7) and EXHIBIT 7 (not registered at address shown - 15): 22

The following were objected to but should be counted:

	Sheet No.	Line No.	Comment
a.	11	1	Found ok
b.	11	2	Found ok
c.	13	6	Withdrawn/Objection
d.	14	6	Withdrawn/Objection
e.	16	7	Withdrawn/Objection
f.	16	10	Withdrawn/Objection
g.	26	9	Withdrawn/Objection
h.	27	1	Withdrawn/Objection
i.	34	2	Withdrawn/Objection
j.	35	3	Withdrawn/Objection
k.	35	4	Withdrawn/Objection

TOTAL REMAINING TO BE COUNTED: 11

6. Exhibit 8 – Signees’ signatures not genuine. I found the following should not be counted:

	Sheet No.	Line No.	Exhibit 5 Page No.
a.	18	1	63, 65 Was signed as “Mr. & Mrs.”

	Sheet No.	Line No.	Exhibit 5 Page No.
b.	20	2	71, 72 No signature

TOTAL: 2

REMAINING TOTAL 22 + 2 = 24

I found the following signatures to be sufficient:

	Sheet No.	Line No.	Exhibit 5 Page No.
a.	3	2	20
b.	4	7	26
c.	15	8	51
d.	15	9	53
e.	17	6	59, 61
f.	18	2	67
g.	20	1	69
h.	20	3	73
i.	20	4	75
j.	20	8	77
k.	28	3	97
l.	34	10	105
m.	35	2	107

TOTAL TO BE COUNTED: 13

7. Exhibit 9 - Signees reside outside Ward 7. I found the following signors outside

Ward 7 and should not be counted:

	Sheet No.	Line No.	Exhibit 5 Page No.	Ward No.
a.	1	1	5	2
b.	1	2	7	2
c.	1	3	9	2
d.	1	4	11	8
e.	1	5	13	2
f.	1	6	15	1
g.	1	7	17	2
h.	1	8	19	2
i.	3	7	23	Not in City
j.	3	8	25	2
k.	14	1	41	Not in City
l.	14	2	43	3
m.	14	3	45	5
n.	14	7	48	6
o.	14	8	50	3
p.	14	10	88	6

TOTAL: 16

REMAINING TOTAL 24 + 16 = 40

8. Exhibit 10 – Signees signed twice. I found signees twice on Sheet 3, Lines 3 and

4. Only Line 3 should be counted. Line 4 should not be counted.

TOTAL NOT TO BE COUNTED: 1

RECAP:

NOT REGISTERED: 7

NOT REGISTERED AT ADDRESS: 15

SIGNATURE NOT GENUINE: 2

NOT IN WARD: 16

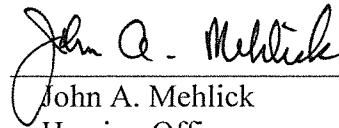
SIGNED TWICE: 1

TOTAL NOT TO BE COUNTED: 41

THEREFORE, it is my recommendation that 41 signatures do not comply with the Election Code and should be subtracted from the 272. Thus, Jaleesa Davis has only 231 valid signatures and her name should not be on the ballot for this election.

Dated: December 22, 2022

Respectfully submitted,



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