

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS**

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| George Jackson, |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
| |) | Administrative Hearing |
| |) | No. 02-027 |
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| Joan Black, |) | Re: Challenge to Nomination Petition |
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| Respondent. |) | |
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MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

This matter came before the Board of Elections and Ethics on Monday September 30, 2002, and involved a challenge to the candidacy of Joan Black, candidate for the office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for the single member district 5B09. The challenge was brought by George Jackson. Both the Challenger and Candidate failed to appear at the hearing. Accordingly, the Board proceeded *ex parte* pursuant to DC Municipal Reg. tit 3 §414.1(c).

According to the evidence presented to the Board, Candidate Black submitted a nominating petition containing a total of 34 signatures. The minimum signature requirement to qualify for the ballot for this office is 25 signatures of persons who are duly registered voters residing in Single Member District 5B09. Challenger Jackson filed a total of 16 challenges to signatures on the nominating petition. As required by the Board’s regulations, Challenger Johnson specified the alleged defects pursuant to 3 D.C.M.R. §1609.2.

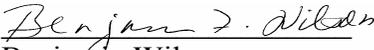
The review of the challenge conducted by the Registrar of Voters indicated that 6 of the challenges were found to be valid. This decreased the number of valid signatures obtained by Candidate Black to 28 registered qualified electors, which exceeds the minimum number required for ballot access.

In view of the evidence presented, the Board finds that the challenge is insufficient to remove the Candidate’s name from the ballot. Therefore, the Board denies the challenge as

specified herein and in accordance with the preliminary determination of the Registrar of Voters.
Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that Candidate Black be granted access to the ballot in the November 5,
2002 General Election as a candidate for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner SMD 5B09.

10/1/2002
Date


Benjamin Wilson,
Chairman Board of Elections &
Ethics

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing order was hand-delivered this Tuesday, October 1, 2002 to Joan Black, 2401 Rand Pl NE Washington D.C. 20002 and George Jackson, 1715 Montello Ave. NE Washington D.C. 20002

Rudolph McGann