



# AURORA TOWNSHIP

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## ELECTORAL BOARD OF AURORA TOWNSHIP

### OPEN MEETING ACT PUBLIC NOTICE/LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Electoral Board of Aurora Township ("Board") for the hearing and passing upon Objections to the Nomination Papers of **Juan Thomas, candidate for Aurora Township Clerk**, will hold a meeting of the Board, which is required by law to meet and pass upon objections to nomination papers of candidates in Aurora Township to be voted on at the Consolidated Primary to be held on February 23, 2021.

The board shall meet on 8:30 a.m. Friday, December 11, 2020 via Zoom teleconferencing for the purpose of hearing and passing upon Objections to the Nomination Papers of **Juan Thomas, candidate for Aurora Township Clerk**, for the February 23, 2020 Consolidated Primary Election.

Sign-in information is as follows:

Zoom Meeting ID: 992 2230 1538  
Passcode: 943452

Or Dial by your location  
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Introduction of the Board
3. Roll Call
4. Adoption of Rules of Procedure
5. Proceedings on Objections, Gaiter v. Thomas
6. Adjournment

Because the meeting is virtual, interested parties are asked if possible to submit any filings prior to the Board meeting to Aurora Township Attorney Paul Patricoski of Dreyer, Foote, Streit and Slocum of Aurora at [ppatricoski@dreyerfoote.com](mailto:ppatricoski@dreyerfoote.com) by the end of the business day at 4 p.m. Thursday December 10.

Posted at 4 p.m. December 8, 2020

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Dec. 3, 2020

Tracy Gaiter  
1250 W. Indian Trail  
Aurora, IL 60506

Dear Mr. Gaiter:

Pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/7-12.1,10-10, this notice is sent to inform you that the Aurora Township Electoral Board is hereby required to hold an initial hearing and shall hold said hearing on at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2020 regarding the objection filed against the candidate petitions of Juan Thomas, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Aurora Township Clerk.

This hearing shall be held at the Aurora Township Youth Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, IL 60506.

Regarding the objection filed, enclosed please find a copy of Mr. Thomas' receipt of filing his Statement of Economic Interest with Kane County. The receipt indicates that Mr. Thomas filed his Statement of Economic Interest on Monday, November 16, 2020, with Kane County, and subsequently, filed his receipt of filing his Statement of Economic Interest on Thursday, November 19, 2020 with Aurora Township. These dates are within the candidate filing period for the 2021 Aurora Township election cycle. These documents are now available on the Aurora Township website.

Considering the documents provided, if you wish to withdraw your objection, please contact our office by the close of business on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at (630) 897-8777. If you wish to proceed with your objection, the hearing will commence as indicated above.

Sincerely,

**William Catching**  
Township Supervisor and Chair, Aurora Township Electoral Board

cc: Trustee Dolores Hicks, Member, Aurora Township Electoral Board  
Trustee David W. Moore, Member, Aurora Township Electoral Board  
Township Clerk and candidate Juan Thomas



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Juan Thomas  
Name  
961 Wellingington Cr. Aurora, IL 60506  
Address  
Aurora Township Clerk  
Office  
Democratic  
Party

### Document Items Submitted:

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement of Candidacy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Receipt for Statement of Economic Interests
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I received D-5 Notice of Obligation \_\_\_\_\_  
(Candidate Initials)

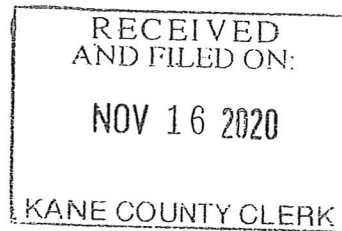
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On: 11 / 19 / 20  
Month Day Year

Dated: 11 / 16 / 20  
Month Day Year

Renee Williams  
Signature of Township Authority

This will be returned to you when  
Statement is filed in the office of the  
Clerk.



Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your  
Statement of Economic Interest, filed  
Pursuant to the Illinois Governmental  
Ethics Act. The statement was filed as  
of this date.

**COMPLETE BUT DO NOT DETACH**

Type or Hand Print Legibly

Aurora Township Clerk  
(office or position of employment for which this Statement is filed)

Joan Thomas  
Name

961 Wellington Cr.  
Address

Aurora IL 60506  
City State Zip Code

All three pages must be returned to the Kane County Clerk for filing either in person or by mail. **We will return this receipt to you**, and you should keep this for your records.

Location: 719 S. Batavia Avenue, Building B  
Geneva, IL 60134

Mailing Address: Kane County Clerk  
ATTN: EIS  
719 S. Batavia Avenue, Building B  
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BEFORE THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD  
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO  
NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION TO THE  
OFFICE OF TOWNSHIP CLERK, AURORA TOWNSHIP, ILLINOIS

Tracy Gaiter	)	
	)	
Petitioner-Objector,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
Juan R. Thomas,	)	
	)	
Respondent-Candidate.	)	

OBJECTOR'S PETITION re JUAN R. THOMAS

INTRODUCTION

Tracy Gaiter ("Objector") states as follows:

1. Objector resides at 1250 W. Indian Trail, Aurora, Illinois, Zip Code 60506, in the Township of Aurora, in the City of Aurora, Kane County, State of Illinois, and is a duly qualified, legal and registered voter at that address.
2. Objector's interest in filing this Petition is that of a voter desiring that the laws governing the filing of Nomination Papers for the office of Aurora Township Clerk are properly complied with, and that only qualified candidates appear on the ballot for said office. ("Nomination Papers" refers to the papers listed by Illinois State Board of Elections or Illinois statutes as required or optional for candidate filing.)

OBJECTIONS


3. Objector objects to the Nomination Papers of Juan R. Thomas ("Candidate") who is a candidate seeking the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Township Clerk of Aurora Township to be voted for at the Consolidated Primary Election on February 23, 2021. (The term "Nomination Papers" is defined by statute. See paragraph 5.) Objector states that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are insufficient in fact and law for the following reasons:
4. Candidate filed Nomination Papers with the office of the Aurora Township Clerk on or about 8:30 a.m. on November 16, 2020. Candidate did not then file the required receipt from the Kane County Clerk regarding the filing of Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests.
5. 60 ILCS 1/45-30(a) provides as follows:
  - (a) Nomination papers filed under this Article are not valid unless the candidate named in the papers files with the township clerk or the board of election commissioners, as the case may be, a receipt from the county clerk showing that the candidate has filed a statement of

economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act in relation to the township within the period for the filing of nomination papers under this Article or within a year preceding the date on which the candidate's nomination papers were filed. The receipt shall be filed not later than the last day on which nomination papers may be filed.


6. Candidate did not file said receipt on or before the last day that Nomination Papers were to be filed, i.e., November 23, 2020.
7. Candidate's omission is confirmed by reviewing the official Aurora Township website ("Website").
8. Candidate is also the interim Aurora Township Clerk and therefore the chief local election official for Aurora Township races.
9. Candidate, personally or through an underling, posted copies of all candidate Nomination Papers on the Website.
10. The Website page titled "2021 Elections" states: "Petitions and other election-related filings will be posted here as we receive them."
11. Said 2021 Elections Page includes Candidate's filing of November 16, 2020 and the Deputy Clerk's Receipt of Filing noting that Candidate filed no "Receipt for Statement of Economic Interest." A copy is attached as Exhibit A.
12. Said 2021 Elections Page contains no subsequent filings by Candidate prior to the November 23, 2020 close of the filing period, not even Candidate's Receipt for Economic Interest.
13. Per Illinois law (60 ILCS 1/45-30(a)), Candidate's nomination papers are not valid without the receipt from the Kane County Clerk's Office regarding the Statement of Economic Interests.
14. As a result of the Candidate's failure to file said receipt, his Nomination Papers are invalid.

WHEREFORE, the Objector requests:

- a) A hearing on these objections;
- b) An examination by the Electoral Board which is pertinent to any of the matters alleged;
- c) A ruling that the Nomination Papers of Candidate Juan R. Thomas are invalid; and
- d) A ruling that the name "Juan R. Thomas" shall not appear and not be printed on the ballot for nomination of the Democratic Party to the office of Township Clerk for Aurora Township, in Kane County, Illinois, to be voted for at the February 23, 2021 Consolidated Primary Election.

  
Tracy Gaiter

## VERIFICATION

  
Tracy Gaiter

Thomas H. Barnes

Notary Public  
Kane County  
State of Illinois

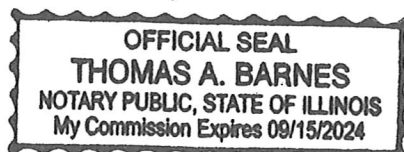






exhibit "A"

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