STATE OF ILLINOIS )
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK )

BEFORE THE ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN, 17TH WARD, CITY OF CHICAGO

IN RE: Objection of )
)
LEE CARIDINE )
To the Nominating Petition of )
) Case No. 82-EB ALD 3
MEL HOPKINS , )
Candidate for the Office of )
Alderman of the 17th Ward, )
City of Chicago. )

D E C I S I O N

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of MICHAEL E. LAVELLE, JAMES R. NOLAN and CORNEAL A. DAVIS, organized by law in response to a Call issued by MICHAEL E. LAVELLE, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon Objections to the Nominating Petitions for the Office of Alderman of the 17th Ward of the City of Chicago, having convened on March 31, 1982 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1703, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois; and having heard and determined the objections to the petitions in the above entitled matter, finds that:

1. The said Electoral Board has been legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois;
2. Objections to the nominating petition of the candidate herein were duly filed;
3. A call to the hearing on said objections was duly issued and was served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the objector and the candidate by mail and by personal service as provided by statute;
4. A public hearing was held on these objections commencing March 31, 1982;
5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearings: The members of the Electoral Board, the objector, ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ by counsel; and the candidate, pro se ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~;
6. The Board heard and considered all evidence and arguments tendered by those appearing at the hearing;
7. The Board ordered an examination of the precinct binders to be conducted by its clerks and agents under the Board's direction and supervision, in accordance with the laws of Illinois and the rules of the Board;
8. During examination of the precinct binders the Board directed all parties to appear and to be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives, duly appointed and authorized by said parties;

9. The candidate and/or his duly authorized representatives were present during the examination of the binders at all times;

10. The objector and/or his duly authorized representatives were present during the examination of the binders at all times;

11. The objector withdrew his objections followIng the conclusion of the examination of the binders.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Objections of LEE CARIDINE, to the Nominating Petition of MEL HOPKINS, Candidate for election to the Office of Alderman of the 17th Ward are hereby ~~sustained or~~ overruled in conformity with the findings in Paragraph 11 hereof and the said petition is hereby declared valid ~~or not valid~~, and the name of MEL HOPKINS, as candidate for election to the Office of Alderman, 17th Ward, City of Chicago shall ~~or shall not~~ be printed on the ballot for the Special Aldermanic Election to be held on June 1, 1982.

DATED: Chicago, Illinois, this 2nd day of April, 1982

Michael E. Lorelle
CHAIRMAN

James R. Dolan
MEMBER

Daniel A. Dan
MEMBER