STATE OF ILLINOIS )
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK )

BEFORE THE ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF WARD COMMITTEEMAN

IN RE: Objection of )
)
Thomas R. Merritt )
To the nominating Petition of )
) Case No. 83-EB-WC-50
Mack Leonard )
Republican Candidate for the )
Office of Ward Committeeman of the )
2nd 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 Nominating Petitions for the Offices of State Senator, State Representative and Ward Committeeman, having convened on January 3, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2307, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, Illinois; and having heard and determined the objections to the petition in the above entitled matter, find 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 January 3, 1984;
5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearings: the hearing examiner; the members of the Electoral Board, the objector, ~~XXXXXX~~ ~~(or)~~ by counsel; and the candidate, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ by counsel;
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. Examination of precinct binders was completed;

12. The Board having reviewed the entire record and considered all evidence hereby finds:

a. The statutory minimum number of signatures required for placement on the ballot is 151

b. The number of signatures filed by the candidate total 210

c. The number of signatures because of objections sustained deemed invalid total 66

d. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 144

The written report of the Board's findings sustaining signature objections are contained in the Board's file in this cause, and is available upon request of a party.

The Board further finds that the number of valid signatures on the nominating petition ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ falls below the minimum number of signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as candidate for election to the Office of Ward Committeeman, Republican Party, 2nd Ward.

The Board further finds: _____

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Objections of Thomas R. Merritt to the Nominating Petition Mack Leonard Candidate for election to the Office of Ward Committeeman, Republican Party 2nd Ward, are hereby sustained ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in conformity with the findings in Paragraph 12, hereof and the said petition is hereby declared ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ not valid, and the name of Mack Leonard as Candidate for election to the Office of Ward Committeeman, Republican Party, 2nd Ward, ~~shall (or)~~ shall not be printed on the ballot for the Primary Election to be held on March 20, 1984.

DATED: Chicago, Illinois, this 6th day of January, 1984.

Michael E. Lavelle
CHAIRMAN

James R. Nolan
MEMBER

Edward J. Egan
MEMBER