STATE OF ILLINOIS )
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK )

BEFORE THE ELECTORAL BOARD FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF: REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, STATE SENATOR, STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEEMAN AND REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

IN RE: Objection of )
)
SAMUEL PANAYOTOVICH )
To the Nominating Petition of )
) CASE NO. 85 EB-RGA 8
MURRELL K. FARMER )
DEMOCRATIC Candidate for the Office )
of Representative in the General Assembly )
35th Representative District. )

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: Representatives in the General Assembly, State Senator, State Central Committeeman and Representative in Congress, having convened on December 24, 1985 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1707, Richard J. Daley Center Chicago, Cook County, 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 December 24 1985;
5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearings: the members of the Electoral Board, the objector, ~~pro se (or)~~ by counsel; and the candidate, ~~pro se (or)~~ 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 the precinct binders was completed.

12. The Board having heard oral arguments and considered all evidence hereby finds:

a. The statutory minimum number of signatures required for placement on the ballot is 306

b. The number of signatures filed by the candidate total 642

c. The number of signatures because of objections sustained deemed invalid total 368

d The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 274

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 any party.

The Board further finds that the number of valid signatures on the nominating petition ~~exceeds~~ (or) falls below the minimum number of signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as candidate for nomination to the Office of Representative in the General Assembly, Democratic Party, 35th Representative District.

~~The Board~~ _____

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the objections of SAMUEL PANAYOTOVICH to the nominating petition of MURREL K. FARMER as candidate for nomination to the Office of Representative in the General Assembly, Democratic, Party, 35th Representative District, are hereby sustained ~~(or) are not~~ in conformity with the findings in Paragraph 12 hereof and the said petition is hereby ~~declared not valid~~ not valid, and the name of MURREL K. FARMER, as candidate for nomination to the Office of Representative in the General Assembly, Democratic Party, 35th Representative District ~~shall not~~ shall not be printed on the ballot for the Primary Election to be held on March 18, 1986.

DATED: Chicago, Illinois, this 6 day of January, 1986.

Michael E. Lavelle
Chairman

James R. Dalen
Member

Member