STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK)

BCC-WC

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

IN RE: Objection of)
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LAUREN HUGHES DE MORALES)
To the Nominating Petition of)
)
OMAR N. LOPEZ) 86-EB-WC- 57
Democratic Candidate for the)
Office of Ward Committeeman 26th)
Ward, City of Chicago, Illinois.)

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 Alderman and Ward Committeeman, having convened on January 27, 1986 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 January 27, 1986;
5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearings: the members of the Electoral Board, the objector, ~~pro se~~ by counsel; and the candidate, ~~pro se~~ 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 consider all evidence hereby finds:

a. The statutory minimum number of signatures required for placement on the ballot is 657

b. The number of signatures filed by the candidate total 836

c. The number of signatures because of objections sustained deemed invalid total 398

d. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 438

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 petitions ~~exceeds (or)~~ 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, Democratic Party, 26th ward.

~~The Board further finds:~~ _____

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the objections of _____ LAUREN HUGHES DE MORALES to the nominating petition of OMAR N. LOPEZ as candidate for election to the Office of Ward Committeeman, Democratic Party, 26th ward, are hereby sustained ~~(or) overruled~~ in conformity with the findings in Paragraph 12 hereof and the said petition is hereby declared ~~valid (or)~~ not valid, and the name of OMAR N. LOPEZ, as candidate for election to the Office of Ward Committeeman, Democratic Party, 26th ward, ~~shall (or)~~ shall not be printed on the ballot for the Special Election to be held on March 18, 1986.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 3 day of February, 1986.

Michael E. Lavelle
Chairman

James R. Dolan
Member

Leonard A. Lewis
Member