STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK)

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BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS
TO NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF CHICAGO AND THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN FOR THE 6TH
WARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 1989
SPECIAL MAYORAL PRIMARY AND SPECIAL ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS

IN RE: Objection of: Melvin G. Caldwell)
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To the)
Nominating Petition of: Derotha H. Rogers)
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) NO:88-EB-SALD-21
Candidate for the Office of Alderman of)
the 6th ward for the City of Chicago.)

DECISION

The duly constituted Municipal Officers Electoral Board, consisting of NIKKI M. ZOLLAR, JAMES R. NOLAN AND MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, organized by law in response to a Call issued by NIKKI M. ZOLLAR, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon Objections to Nominating Petitions for the Offices of Mayor of the City of Chicago and Alderman of the 6th ward of the City of Chicago, having convened on December 30, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. in the viewing gallery of the City Council Chambers, 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 Municipal Officers 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 on December 30, 1988;

5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearings: the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector,by counsel, and the Candidate pro se;

6. The Board having heard and considered all evidence and arguments tendered by those appearing at the hearing;

7. The Board having 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 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 having been present during the examination of the binders at all times;

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

11. Examination of the precinct binders was completed;

12. The Board finds that:

    a. The statutory minimum of signatures required for placement on the ballot is 570;

    b. The number of signatures filed by the candidate total 816;

    c. The number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained total 244;

    d. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 572;

    The written report of the Board's finding overruling 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 exceeds the minimum number of signatures required by law to be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 6th ward of the City of Chicago.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the objections of Melvin Caldwell, to the nominating petition of Derotha H. Rogers, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 6th ward of the City of Chicago, are hereby overruled and said petition is hereby declared valid and the name of Derotha H. Rogers, candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 6th ward of the City of Chicago, shall be printed on the ballot for the Special Aldermanic Election to be held on February 28, 1989.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 23rd day of January, 1989.

Nikki M. Zollar
NIKKI M. ZOLLAR, CHAIRMAN

James R. Nolan
JAMES R. NOLAN, COMMISSIONER

Michael J. Hamblet
MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, COMMISSIONER