STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK)

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**ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OF OBJECTIONS TO NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF WARD COMMITTEEMAN OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO FOR THE MARCH 17, 1992 PRIMARY ELECTIONS.**

IN RE: Objection of: John D. Benoit)
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To the)
Nominating Petition of: Ann Shields)
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) NO: 92-EB-WC-16
Candidate for the Office of Ward Committee-)
man of the 18th Ward, Republican Party.)

DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, ARNETTE R. HUBBARD and CHRISTOPHER ROBLING, organized by law in response to a Call issued by MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon Objections to Nominating Petitions for the Office of Ward Committeeman of the City of Chicago, having convened on December 30th, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 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 on December 30th, 1991;

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

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 82;

    b. The number of signatures filed by the candidate total 182;

    c. The number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained total 39;

    d. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 143;

    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 Ward Committeeman of the 18th Ward, Republican Party.

The Board further finds that the Objector failed to establish, by a preponderance of evidence, that the Candidate did not circulate the objected to sheets.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the objections of John D. Benoit to the nominating petition of Ann Shields, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman of the 18th Ward, Republican Party, are hereby overruled and said petition is hereby declared valid and the name of Ann Shields, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman of the 18th Ward, Republican Party, shall be printed on the ballot for the Primary Elections to be held on March 17th, 1992.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 24 day of January, 1992.

Michael J. Hamblet

MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, CHAIRMAN

Arnette R. Hubbard

ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, COMMISSIONER

Christopher FitzHenry Robling

CHRISTOPHER ROBLING, COMMISSIONER