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: Arthur J. Fitzgerald)
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To the)
Nominating Petition of: Melvin A. Brandt)
)
) NO: 92-EB-WC-63
Candidate for the Office of Ward Committee-)
man of the 47th 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 by counsel, and the Candidate by counsel;

6. The Board finds that the absence of a "serrated or milled edge border" on the notarial seal on the Statement of Candidacy and on petition sheets 1, 2, 8 and 9 does not invalidate the Statement of Candidacy and these petition sheets since the attestations are in substantial compliance with the pertinent provisions of Section 7-10 of the Illinois Election Code. See Young v. Cook County Officers Electoral Board, Circuit Court of Cook County, 90 CO 20, January 24, 1990.

The Board further finds that in view of the above finding, the remaining objections are hereby mooted inasmuch as the Candidate has sufficient valid signatures for ballot placement for the office of Ward Committeeman of the 47th Ward, Republican Party.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the objections of Arthur J. Fitzgerald to the nominating petition of Melvin A. Brandt, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman of the 47th Ward, Republican Party, are hereby overruled and said petition is hereby declared valid and the name of Melvin A. Brandt, candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman of the 47th Ward, Republican Party, shall be printed on the ballot for the Primary Elections to be held on March 17, 1992.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 22 day of January, 1992.

Michael J. Hamblet
MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, CHAIRMAN

Arnette R. Hubbard
ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, COMMISSIONER

dissent - CFHR
CHRISTOPHER ROBLING, COMMISSIONER