STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

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**ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS
TO THE NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR
THE OFFICES OF MAYOR, CITY CLERK,
CITY TREASURER AND ALDERMAN FOR THE
CITY OF CHICAGO FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 1995
ALDERMANIC AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS.**

Objections of: Nick Calistro, Jr. and Dale A. Bartoszewski
To the
Nomination Papers of: Michael Rago
Candidate for the Office of Alderman of the 30th Ward.

No.: 95-EB-ALD-066

DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, and RICHARD A. COWEN, 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 Nomination Papers of Candidates for the Offices of Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman for the City of Chicago, having convened on January 3, 1995, at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Chicago, Illinois; and having heard and determined the Objections to the Nomination Papers 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 Nomination Papers of the Candidate herein were duly filed;

3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued and served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the Objectors and the Candidate, by mail and by personal service, as provided by statute;

4. A public hearing was held on these Objections commencing on January 3, 1995;

5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the members of the Electoral Board, the Objectors, 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 Objectors and/or their 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 256;

    b. The number of signatures filed by the Candidate total 470;

    c. The number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained total 166;

    d. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 304;

    The written report of the result of the binder examination is contained in the Board's file in this case and is available upon request of a party;

13. The Board 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 30th Ward of the City of Chicago;

14. For the reasons stated above the Board overrules the objections and finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Objections of Nich Calistro, Jr. and Dale A. Bartoszewski to the Nomination Papers of Michael Rago, Candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 30th Ward are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of Michael Rago, Candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 30th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL BE printed on the ballot for the Aldermanic Election to be held on February 28, 1995.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 28 day of January, 1995.

Michael J. Hamblet
MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, Chairman

Arnette R. Hubbard
ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, Commissioner

Richard A. Cowen
RICHARD A. COWEN, Commissioner