STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS
TO THE NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES FOR
THE OFFICES OF STATE SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WARD COMMITTEEMAN OF THE
CITY OF CHICAGO FOR THE MARCH 19, 1996
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Objections of: Calvin Omar Johnson	)	
	)	
To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: Edward Florence	)	**No.: 96-EB-WC-009**
	)	
Candidate for the Office	)	
of Ward Committeeman for the 24th Ward	)	
of the City of Chicago, Republican Party	)	

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 State Senator, Representative in the General Assembly and Ward Committeeman of the City of Chicago, having convened on January 2, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., and having heard and determined the Objections to the Nomination Papers in the above entitled matter finds 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 5, 1996.

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

6. The Board ordered an examination of the registration records 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.

7. During this records examination 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.

8. The Candidate and/or his duly authorized representatives having been present during the examination of registration records at all times.

9. The Objector(s) and/or her duly authorized representatives having been present during the examination of registration records at all times.

10. The examination of the registration records was completed and the Board hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the results of the records examination conducted by its clerks and agents.

11. The Board has considered all evidence and arguments tendered by the parties.

12. The Board finds that the records examinations disclosed the following:

    a. The statutory minimum of signatures required for placement on the ballot is 32;

    b. The number of signatures filed by the Candidate total 90;

c. The number of signatures deemed invalid because of objections sustained total 51;

d. The remaining number of signatures deemed valid total 39;

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

13. The Board finds that paragraph(s) 4-10 of the Objector(s)' Petition are sustained in part and overruled in part as more fully indicated in the results of the records examination.

14. The Board finds that an additional four signatures were invalid due to the fact that the signer's address was incomplete in that it did not contain the city of residence and should be deducted from the total number of valid signatures for the Candidate.

15. The Board further finds that the signature on sheet 4, line 5 is a duplicate of the signature immediately preceding it and that it is therefore invalid and should be deducted from the total number of valid signatures for the Candidate.

16. The Board finds that the number of valid signatures on the Candidate's nominating petition (34) 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 for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party.

17. For the reasons stated above the Board finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Objections of Calvin Omar Johnson to the Nomination Papers of Edward Florence, Candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party, are hereby sustained in part and overruled in part and that said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of Edward Florence, Candidate for election to the office of Ward Committeeman for the 24th Ward of the City of Chicago, Republican Party, SHALL be printed on the ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 19, 1996.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 5th day of February, 1996.

MICHAEL J. HAMBLET, Chairman

ARNETTE R. HUBBARD, Member

RICHARD A. COWEN, Member