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**BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO
AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD
FOR THE HEARING AND PASSING UPON OBJECTIONS
TO NOMINATION PAPERS OF CANDIDATES
FOR THE FEBRUARY 23, 1999 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION
FOR MAYOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND ALDERMAN
IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

Objections of: CARLOS J. GONZALEZ	)	
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To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: PAULINO VILLARREAL, JR.	)	No.: 99-EB-ALD-034
	)	
Candidate for the office of	)	
Alderman of the 25th Ward	)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago Commissioners Langdon D. Neal, Richard A. Cowen, and Theresa M. Petrone, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Langdon D. Neal, Chairman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections ("Objections") of CARLOS J. GONZALEZ to nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of PAULINO VILLARREAL, JR., candidate for the office of Alderman for the 25th Ward of the City of Chicago ("Candidate"), having convened on December 28, 1998, at 9:00 a.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 finds that:

1. Objections to the Nomination Papers of the Candidate herein were duly and timely filed.

2. The said Electoral Board has been legally constituted according to the laws of the State of Illinois.

3. A Call to the hearing on said Objections was duly issued by the Chairman of the Electoral Board and served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector(s) and the Candidate, by registered or certified mail and by Sheriff's service, as provided by statute.

4. A public hearing held on these Objections commenced on December 28, 1998 and was continued from time to time.

5. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the members of the Electoral Board, the Objector, CARLOS J. GONZALEZ, by counsel; and the Candidate PAULINO VILLARREAL, JR, by counsel.

6. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner RODNEY STEWART for further hearings and proceedings.

7. The Electoral Board ordered that an examination of the registration records 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. The Electoral Board directed all parties to appear and be present, either personally and/or by their authorized representatives during this records examination.

9. The Candidate and/or his duly authorized representative(s) were present during the examination of the registration records at all times.

10. The Objector(s) and/or his duly authorized representative(s) were present during the examination of the registration records at all times.

11. The examination of the registration records of the Board was terminated at the request of Andrew Pappas, Supervisor-Registration of the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.

12. The Electoral Board finds that after completion of the first 27 pages of the Candidate's nominating petitions, the Candidate had 338 valid signatures. Sheet number 28 to 40 of the Candidate's nominating petitions had 52 signatures without objections. The Elecotral Board finds that the Candidate has a total of 440 valid signatures on his nominating petitions. The total number of legally required valid signature for a Candidate for the office of Alderman of the 25th Ward is 112.

13. The Electoral Board further finds that the Objector is in default for failure to appear at the hearing previously scheduled for January 26, 1999.

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

15. The Board finds that the Candidate has a sufficient number of valid signatures on his Nomination Papers to be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 25th Ward of the City of Chicago.

16. The Board further finds that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Objections of CARLOS J. GONZALEZ, to the Nomination Papers of PAULINO VILLARREAL, JR., candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 25th Ward are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of PAULINO VILLARREAL, JR., candidate for election to the office of Alderman of the 25th Ward of the City of Chicago, SHALL be printed on the ballot for the Municipal General Election for Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and Alderman to be held on February 23, 1999.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this Second day of February, 1999.

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner

Theresa M. Petrone, Commissioner

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 10-10.1 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/10-10.1) a party aggrieved of this decision and seeking judicial review of this decision must file a petition for judicial review with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County within 10 days after the decision of the Electoral Board.