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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 MARCH 21, 2000 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION FOR STATE SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WARD COMMITTEEMAN IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Objections of: CARLOS TORRES	)	
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To the Nomination	)	
Papers of: CHESTER R. HORNOWSKI	)	
	)	No. 00-EB-RGA-08
Candidate for the office of Representative in the	)	
General Assembly, 20th Representative District,	)	
Democratic Party	)	

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 TORRES ("Objector(s)") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of CHESTER R. HORNOWSKI, candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 20th Representative District, Democratic Party ("Candidate"), having convened on January 10, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 800, 69 West Washington Street, 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 Objectors(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 January 10, 2000 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner WILLIAM JONES for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector(s) and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Examiner on the date and at the time designated in the Call. The following persons, among others, were present at such hearing: the Objector(s), CARLOS TORRES; and the Candidate, CHESTER R. HORNOWSKI.

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

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

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

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 12 pages of the Candidate's nominating petitions, the Candidate had 234 valid signatures. Sheet number 13 through 26 of the Candidate's nominating petitions had 140 signatures without objections. The Electoral Board finds that the Candidate has a total of 374 valid signatures on his nominating petitions. The total number of valid signatures required for a Candidate for the office of Representative in the General Assembly, 20th Representative District, Democratic Party is 300.

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

14. The Electoral 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 nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 20th Representative District, Democratic Party.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of CARLOS TORRES to the Nomination Papers of CHESTER R. HORNOWSKI, candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 20th Representative District, Democratic Party, are hereby OVERRULED and said Nomination Papers are hereby declared VALID and the name of CHESTER R. HORNOWSKI, candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 20th Representative District, Democratic Party, SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 21, 2000.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 20th day of January, 2000.

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.