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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO AS THE DULY CONSTITUTED ELECTORAL BOARD

Objections of: JUVENAL GOMEZ	)
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To the Nomination	)
Papers of: MIGUEL SOTOMAYOR	)
	) No. 02-EB-RGA-01
Candidate for the office of Representative in the	) related to
General Assembly, 3rd Representative District,	) 02-EB-RGA-02
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, Theresa M. Petrone and Richard A. Cowen, 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 JUVENAL GOMEZ ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of MIGUEL SOTOMAYOR, candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 3rd Representative District, Democratic Party ("Candidate"), having convened on January 8, 2002, 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 Objector 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 8, 2002 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner William P. Jones for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector 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 JUVENAL GOMEZ, by counsel; and the Candidate MIGUEL SOTOMAYOR, *pro se*.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on January 8, 2002, the Candidate filed papers with the State Board of Elections withdrawing as a candidate for nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 3rd Representative District and requesting that his name not be printed on the ballot for the March 19, 2002 General Primary Election, thus rendering the Objections moot.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the name of MIGUEL SOTOMAYOR candidate for the nomination to the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the 3rd Representative District, Democratic Party, SHALL NOT be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on March 19, 2002.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 18th day of January, 2002.

Langdon D. Neal, Chairman

Theresa M. Petrone, Commissioner

Richard A. Cowen, 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.