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

Objections of: JUAN L. ELIAS	)
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To the Nomination	)
Papers of: MANUEL "Manny" FLORES	) No.: 03-EB-ALD-003
	)
Candidate for the Office of	)
Alderman of the First Ward, City of Chicago	)

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 JUAN L. ELIAS ("Objector") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of MANUEL FLORES, candidate for the office of Alderman of the First Ward of the City of Chicago ("Candidate") to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 25, 2003, having convened on December 24, 2002, at 10:00 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 December 24, 2002 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner ROBERT S. ANDREW for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objector and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board 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, JUAN L. ELIAS, pro se; and the Candidate, MANUEL FLORES, by counsel.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on December 24, 2002 the Objector moved to withdraw his Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. The Electoral Board grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

8. The Electoral Board further finds that there is another objection filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers in case 03-EB-ALD-084 which found that the Candidate's Nomination Papers are invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of JUAN L. ELIAS are withdrawn and this case is dismissed as moot.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this Twenty-First day of January, 2003.

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.