

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

Objections of: Shana Renee East, Roberto)	
Hernandez, Jr. and Ramon Tejada, Sr.)	
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To the Nomination)	No.: 18-EB-CON-02
Papers of: Raymond A. Lopez)	
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Candidate for the nomination of the)	
Democratic Party for the office of)	
Representative in Congress for the 4th)	
Congressional District, State of Illinois)	

FINDINGS AND DECISION

The duly constituted Electoral Board, consisting of Board of Election Commissioners for the City of Chicago Commissioners Marisel A. Hernandez, William J. Kresse and Jonathan T. Swain, organized by law in response to a Call issued by Marisel A. Hernandez, Chairwoman of said Electoral Board, for the purpose of hearing and passing upon objections ("Objections") of Shana Renee East, Roberto Hernandez, Jr. and Ramon Tejada, Sr. ("Objectors") to the nomination papers ("Nomination Papers") of Raymond A. Lopez, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in Congress for the 4th Congressional District in the State of Illinois ("Candidate") at the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, having convened on Monday, December 18, 2017, 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 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 Chairwoman of the Electoral Board and served upon the members of the Electoral Board, the Objectors 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 Monday, December 18, 2017 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Officer Nina Fain for further hearings and proceedings.

6. The Objectors and the Candidate were directed by the Electoral Board's Call served upon them to appear before the Hearing Officer on the date and at the time designated in the Hearing Schedule. The following persons, among others, were present or filed appearances at such hearing: the Candidate, Raymond A. Lopez through his Attorney, James P. Nally. The Objectors did not appear at the initial hearing, but at subsequent hearings Objectors, Shana Renee East, Roberto Hernandez, Jr. and Ramon Tejeda, Sr. appeared through their Attorney, Thomas E. Johnson.

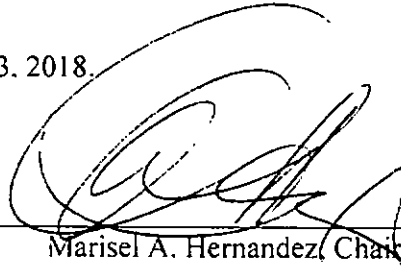
7. The Electoral Board finds that on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 the Objectors's attorney made an oral motion to withdraw the Objections against the Candidate's Nomination Papers. On January 12, 2018, the Objectors' attorney submitted a signed and notarized Motion to Withdraw the Objectors' Petition. The Electoral Board hereby grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.

8. Furthermore, prior to withdrawal of the objections in this matter, a records exam was conducted and the uncontested results of that exam show that the Candidate filed a total of 898 valid signatures, which is 36 signatures greater than the statutorily required minimum.

9. The Electoral Board further finds that there are no additional Objections filed against the Candidate's Nomination Papers and, in the absence of any objections thereto, such Nomination Papers are deemed valid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Nomination Papers of Raymond A. Lopez, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of Representative in Congress for the 4th Congressional District in the State of Illinois, are deemed VALID and the name of the Candidate SHALL be printed on the official ballot for the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

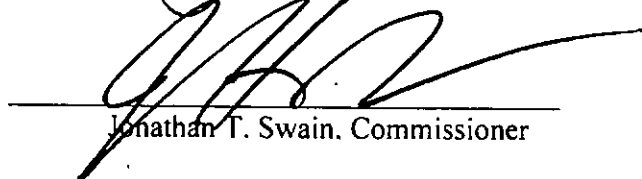
Dated: Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.



Marisel A. Hernandez, Chairwoman



William J. Kresse, Commissioner



Jonathan T. Swain, 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 5 days after service of the decision of the Electoral Board.