

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

Objections of: ALBERTO BOCANEGRA)
JR.)
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To the Nomination) **No.: 07-EB-ALD-109**
Papers of: ALAN R. MERCADO) **(rel. 07-EB-ALD-120)**
)
Candidate for the Office of)
Alderman of the Twelfth 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 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 ALBERTO BOCANEGRA JR. (“Objector”) to the nomination papers (“Nomination Papers”) of ALAN R. MERCADO, candidate for the office of Alderman of the Twelfth Ward of the City of Chicago (“Candidate”) to be elected at the Municipal General Election to be held on February 27, 2007, having convened on January 2, 2007, 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 January 2, 2007 and was continued from time to time.

5. The Electoral Board assigned this matter to Hearing Examiner Richard Zulkey 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, ALBERTO BOCANEGRA JR., *pro se*; and the Candidate, ALAN R. MERCADO, by counsel, Felix Gonzalez.

7. The Electoral Board finds that on January 3, 2007 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 The Electoral Board grants the Objector's motion to withdraw the Objections and the Objections are withdrawn.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 07-EB-ALD-120, which is still pending and which will determine whether the Candidate's Nomination Papers are valid or invalid.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Objections of ALBERTO BOCANEGRA JR., are withdrawn and this case is dismissed as moot.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois, this 9th day of January 2007.



Langdon D. Neal, Chairman



Richard A. Cowen, Commissioner