

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS**

David Kranich
Complainant,
v.
Albert Ceccone
Respondent.

Administrative Hearing
No. 06-002

Re: Challenge to Nomination Petition

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

This matter came before the Board of Elections and Ethics on Monday, July 31, 2006, and involved a challenge to the candidacy of Albert Ceccone to appear on the ballot in the September 12, 2006 Republican Primary for the Office of Mayor of the District of Columbia. The Challenge was brought by David Kranich. The Candidate appeared pro se, but the Challenger elected not to appear at the hearing.

Pursuant to D.C. CODE § 1-1001.05(g) the Board heard the case by a one (1) member panel. Board member Dr. Lenora Cole presided over the hearing.


According to the evidence presented to the Board, candidate Ceccone submitted a nominating petition containing three hundred forty (340) signatures. The minimum signature requirement to qualify for the ballot for this office is 300 signatures of qualified electors who are registered with the Republican Party pursuant to D.C. CODE § 1-1001.08(i)(1)(B). Challenger Kranich filed a total of one hundred, nineteen (119) challenges to signatures on the nominating petition. As required by the Board's regulations, Challenger Kranich alleged the signatures were not those of qualified duly

registered voters of the Republican party pursuant to 3 D.C.M.R. §1607.5(e).

The review of the challenge conducted by the Registrar of Voters indicated that one hundred, seventeen (117) of the challenges were found to be valid. This decreased the number of valid signatures obtained by Candidate Ceccone to two hundred, twenty-three (223) registered qualified electors, which is below the minimum number required for ballot access. Therefore, the Board upholds the challenge as specified herein and in accordance with the preliminary determination of the Registrar of Voters. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that candidate Albert Ceccone is denied access to appear on the ballot in the September 12, 2006 Republican Primary for the Office of Mayor of the District of Columbia.

August 3, 2006
Date



Dr. Lenora Cole
Board Member,
Board of Elections and Ethics