



OBJECT ID	F2016.12
OBJECT NAME	Pin, Campaign
DATE CREATED	1983 – 1984
MEASUREMENTS	3.0149800000 cm. Diameter, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Metal; Paper; Plastic

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Small pin with metal backing. White background. In red print reads "Re-elect Geocaris 40th Committeeman"

#### ORIGIN

John C. Geocaris, former 40th Ward Democratic committeeman, was formerly deputy commissioner of the Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation, where he was chief of the Bureau of Parking.

A native of the Harrison-Halsted neighborhood, he graduated from Roosevelt High School and went into the restaurant business.

With the city, he was in charge parking meters, a position he held under three mayors.

He became a precinct captain in the North Side ward and eventually secretary to then-ward committeeman Seymour Simon. He succeeded Simon in 1974 when the latter was elected an Illinois Appellate Court judge.

Mr. Geocaris was one of the several Democratic committeeman in 1983 who chose to abandon Democratic candidate Harold Washington and support Republican Bernard Epton for mayor. He was defeated for the ward committee position in 1984. He had earlier left the Department of Streets and Sanitation.

#### CITATION

Pin, Campaign, 1983 – 1984, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/06/24.