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Sacramento City Council  
c/o City Clerk  
Sacramento Ca.



RE: Resolution introduced on 8/6 1985

Dear City Clerk's Office;

On behalf of the Franchise of Americans Needing Sports (FANS),  
I would like to request that the resolution introduced by us on  
Aug. 6, 1985 be withdrawn from the calendar.



The reason for this request is simple, the 1985 Major League Base-  
ball Strike is over, making the subject matter contained in  
the resolution outdated.

Thank you;

*Michael Ross*  
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AUG 13 1985  
*Withdrawn*  
BY THE CITY CLERK  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK



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A RESOLUTION ON THE 1985 BASEBALL SEASON

PROPOSED BY

THE FRANCHISE OF AMERICANS NEEDING SPORTS (FANS)

WHEREAS the spring and summer months have traditionally and poetically been referred to, "As a time when a young mans fancy turns to baseball"; and

WHEREAS the ultimate losers in any strike situation are the consumers, with this specific case being the sports consumer or fan; and

WHEREAS we are an active member of California's Major League Sports Community and sports market, and thus understand and recognize the economic and social impact that this strike proposes; and

WHEREAS the issues encompassing both sides and points of view, are of staggering importance to the overall social and economic future of the professional sports system known as baseball, in our cities, sports markets, state(s) and country; and

WHEREAS The sports fan or consumer and cities have, contributed greatly to the construction of the individual teams and the Major Leagues, not to mention the tax incentives, operation, construction and financing of sports facilities, cash flow, awards, athletic training in schools, social status and of course, use of the city's sir name and associated identity; and

WHEREAS Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth has called for fan participation on various issues, including the "Designated Hitter Rule"; and

WHEREAS the State of California has recognized the importance of the fans through the passage of ACR 143, which honored California's sports fans by declaring 1984 as the "Year of the Fan"; and

WHEREAS the United States Congress has recognized the rights and importance of both fans and cities on all pieces of legislation introduced during this legislative session, especially those dealing with the issue(s) associated with that of Franchise Relocation, such as consumer protection and rights, fans value and recognizing the actual investment that cities and fans make to the professional sports team(s) and League(s); and

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WHEREAS the owners and players unions have not solved the complex issues that have faced them since their working agreement expired in December of 1984; Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the City Council of Sacramento, that as an unrepresented 3rd party, We hereby ask the Major League Players Union and Major League Owners Association, to put aside their work and wage dispute, and reestablish their season now, by continuing their negotiations during the off season; and Be It Further.

RESOLVED that as a part of their resumption of the season and continuation of the talks at a later date, issues that affect professional sports 3rd partners, the cities and fans, should be addressed: the questions of ticket refunds for consumers who did not get to use tickets purchased to any unplayed games; establishing requirements preventing teams from unnecessary Franchise Relocations; a solid system for combating drug abuse and the establishment of an organized consumer complaint resolution mechanism, designed to assist fans interact with the league; and

RESOLVED that a suitably prepared copy of this resolution be transmitted to our State Congressional Leaders, our professional baseball teams, the Commissioner of Baseball; the Presidents of the American and National Leagues, our sports market's major league baseball team(s) and the President of the United States.

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