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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Task Force to Evaluate Baseball Commission

SUMMARY

This report recommends that a task force be established to evaluate the structure and requirements for a Sacramento professional baseball commission. The task force will report its findings to the City Council by January 1, 1988.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On August 11, 1987, the Sacramento City Council requested the City Manager's office to research the possibility of establishing a professional baseball commission. Staff was requested to evaluate the purpose, structure and financial requirements of such a commission.

Staff has contacted eleven cities that have baseball commissions or separate committees. Most cities contacted have been extremely helpful and provided information on the structure, purpose and budget of the commissions or committees.

Staff has also met with representatives of the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce's Council to Attract Major Professional Sports (CHAMPS) and the Sacramento Sports Association to discuss this idea. Both organizations support the concept and agree that government has a significant role in cooperation with the private sector to attract major league sports to Sacramento.

In evaluating material received from other cities that have baseball commissions or committees, it is evident that many options exist in developing a baseball commission. In addition, the final decision on establishing a baseball commission should complement the excellent work being done by CHAMPS and the Sacramento Sports Association in securing a professional baseball team for Sacramento.

Staff recommends that a task force be established to evaluate the structure, purpose and financing of a baseball commission. The task force should consist of a representative of City Council, a representative of CHAMPS, a representative of the Sacramento Sports Association, and a representative of the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau. The task force would be staffed by the Department of Parks and Community Services and report back to the City Council with final recommendations by January 1, 1988. In addition, since professional sports are of regional significance, the Sacramento Board of Supervisors should be asked to participate in the task force.

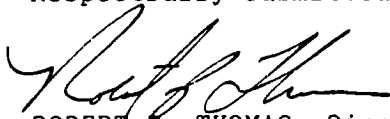
FINANCIAL DATA

No City funds are requested at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council, by resolution: (1) establish a task force to evaluate the structure, purpose and financing of a professional baseball commission; (2) direct the Mayor to send a letter requesting a representative of the County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors participate in the task force; and (3) direct staff to report the recommendations of the task force by January 1, 1988.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recommendation Approved:



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October 6, 1987  
All Districts

# RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

## RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE A SACRAMENTO PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. That a task force is hereby established consisting of a representative of City Council, a representative of Sacramento Sports Association, a representative of the Council to Attract Major Pro Sports (CHAMPS), and staffed by the Department of Parks and Community Services, in order to evaluate the purpose, structure and financial requirements of a professional baseball commission.
2. That the Mayor is hereby directed to send a letter requesting that a representative of the County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors participate in the task force established in paragraph one above.
3. That Parks and Community Services staff are hereby directed to report the recommendations of the task force to the City Council by January 1, 1988.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK