

RESOLUTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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WHEREAS, During the 2018 season, the Los Angeles Dodgers made their back to back return to the World Series and the playoffs for the sixth straight year by winning the division in a one game tiebreaker over the Rockies; and

WHEREAS, The 114th edition of the World Series was played between the American League champion Boston Red Sox and the National League champion Los Angeles Dodgers; and

WHEREAS, During the 2018 World Series, the Boston Red Sox managed by Alex Cora defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in five games to win the World Series; and

WHEREAS, After the 2019 season during an interview, Mike Fiers, a former Astros pitcher who now pitches for the Athletics said he warned his new teammates that at the Astros' home games, Houston used an outfield camera fixed on the opposing catcher to steal signs and relay the information to hitters; and

WHEREAS, As a result of these allegations, Major League Baseball and the Astros opened an investigation that revealed that the Astros put a camera in center field, stole the catcher's signals to the opposing pitcher and then conveyed the signs to the batter by banging on a garbage can or sending texts during the 2017 season including the World Series; and

WHEREAS, The investigation also revealed that Alex Cora, who in 2017 served as a bench coach for the Houston Astros was involved in developing both the banging scheme and utilizing the replay review room to decode and transmit signs; and

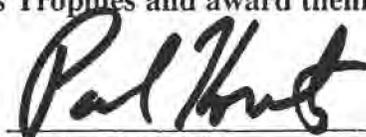
WHEREAS, At this time the appropriate level of discipline for Alex Cora is yet to be determined as the Department of Investigations is completing an investigation of the allegation that the Red Sox engaged in electronic sign stealing in 2018 while Alex Cora was the manager; and

WHEREAS, On January 13, 2020 Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred announced the Astros' punishment which includes a \$5 million fine, suspension of General Manager Jeff Luhnow and Manager A.J. Hinch for one year, and forces the Astros to give up their first and second round draft picks for the next two years;

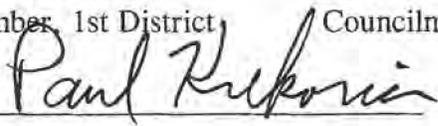
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby requests that in addition to the penalties already imposed, the Commissioner of Major League Baseball remove the 2017 and 2018 World Series titles from the Houston Astros and Boston Red Sox; and hereby requests that the Commissioner of Major League Baseball **recall the World Series Commissioner's Trophies and award them to the Los Angeles Dodgers.**

PRESENTED BY:


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