

Office of the Commissioner
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



June 15, 1998

Harris County - Houston Sports Authority
1200 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 416
Houston, Texas 77056

Re: Houston Astros

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Houston McLane Company, Inc., d/b/a Houston Astros Baseball Club (the "Astros") is a member in good standing of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs.

It is our understanding that the Astros and the Harris County - Houston Sports Authority (the "Sports Authority") are entering into a Stadium Lease Agreement and other agreements related to the construction and development of a new baseball stadium located in downtown Houston, Texas which is known as "The Ballpark at Union Station." As part of the documents, the Astros and the Sports Authority are entering into that certain Non-Relocation Agreement as of June 17, 1998 (the "Non-Relocation Agreement").

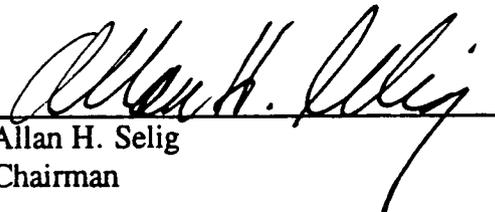
You have advised us that the commitments being made by the Astros pursuant to the Non-Relocation Agreement are critical to the Sports Authority and the citizens of Harris County and the City of Houston. We have reviewed the Non-Relocation Agreement and the other agreements and we have no objections to their execution by the Astros. No further consents under any rules, regulations, procedures, agreements, or other governance documents of either the Office of the Commissioner or the National League are required. Of course, neither Baseball nor the National League can guarantee the Astros' financial or other obligations under the Non-Relocation Agreement or other agreements. We are fully supportive of the Astros executing the Non-Relocation Agreement and remaining in Houston for the full term of 30 years.

You have been provided with memoranda to the Major League Clubs dated October 31, 1988, August 23, 1993 and September 12, 1995 dealing with ownership transfers and relocation. There have been no amendments or modifications to those documents except as provided therein as of the date of this letter and none have been proposed or are under consideration. The documents remain in full force and effect.

We are excited about The Ballpark at Union Station and sincerely hope that the Astros and the Sports Authority will have a successful relationship for decades to come.

Sincerely,

MAJOR LEAGUE
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