

RESOLUTION NO. 896

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
REDMOND, WASHINGTON, TO RETAIN THE MARINERS
BASEBALL TEAM IN KING COUNTY

WHEREAS, baseball in King County enhances the economy of the entire Puget Sound region, contributes to regional pride and is strongly supported by Seattle Mariners fans; and

WHEREAS, prior owners of the Seattle Mariners have neither lived in Seattle or the region, nor been sufficiently committed to keeping the team in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Hirozhi Yamauchi, President of Nintendo Company Ltd. of Kyoto, has offered to invest in the Seattle Mariners, to manage the investment through his son-in-law Minoru Arakawa, a 15-year Eastside resident, and to cooperate with Christopher Larson, John McCaw, Jr., John Ellis, and Frank Shrontz, all prominent local investors, to keep the team in Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Mariners by a group including Eastside investors enhances and promotes the regional identify; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Redmond recognizes the efforts of the business community to acquire the Seattle Mariners baseball team; and

WHEREAS, the City Council applauds the private sector's efforts to resolve the issue of the ownership of the Mariners without seeking public funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond is indebted to the citizens of Japan and to Japanese Americans for a wealth of contributions to this region's culture, diversity and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, a Japanese-owned business, Nintendo of America, is located in Redmond and provides 1,400 jobs to area workers; and

WHEREAS, any anti-Japanese bias by Major League Baseball would have serious racial overtones and would generate negative feelings and impacts not only toward Japan, but toward Americans of Asian descent as well; now therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

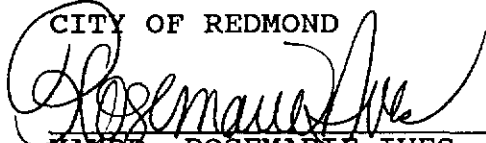
Section 1. The City of Redmond objects to ethnocentric biases being used as criteria for the approval of the sale of the Seattle Mariners to the Baseball Club of Seattle.

Section 2. The City urges Commissioner Fay Vincent and the Major League Baseball Ownership Committee to evaluate any offer to buy the Seattle Mariners on two criteria:

- (a) Financial soundness; and
- (b) The commitment to building a strong team, providing assurances of local control, and keeping the team in Seattle.

Section 3. The City of Redmond expresses gratitude to the Baseball Club of Seattle for generously offering to purchase the Mariners and keep the team in Seattle.

RESOLVED this 17 day of March, 1992.

CITY OF REDMOND

MAYOR, ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED;


CITY CLERK, DORIS SCHAIBLE

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK; March 12, 1992
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL; March 17, 1992
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