



## FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

To all Anaheim residents and businesses:

Last week, Judge Peter Polos of the Orange County Superior Court ruled that the Anaheim Angels may start the 2005 season as the "Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim" until the case brought by the City against the Angels goes to trial. The City of Anaheim is steadfast in its convictions that this attempt to change the team name by the current ownership violates the team's lease for the City-owned stadium. At trial, the City and its legal team will be able to present additional compelling evidence that we believe will reverse this name change. The parties were restricted from presenting evidence at the preliminary hearings.

The City has upheld its end of the 33-year stadium lease contract that was negotiated in 1996 and intends to do so until it expires in 2029. The deal provided the Anaheim Angels with additional parking, concession and stadium advertising revenue which the team owner has used to enhance the team. It also included \$30 million that helped renovate Angel Stadium of Anaheim into one of the nation's finest baseball facilities. The suit filed against the Angels Baseball L.P. simply asks that the team uphold its end of the bargain, provide the City with its negotiated benefits and keep Anaheim at its prominent place in the team's name.

Many of our residents and businesses, as well as baseball fans from throughout Southern California, solidly support the City's position. In fact, local media polls resulted in more than 80% of the respondents saying the City should continue its case against the Angels. To date, almost 4,000 individuals have acknowledged their support of our position through petitions and the [www.savetheanaheimangels.com](http://www.savetheanaheimangels.com) website.

We know this is a passionate issue for Anaheim Angels fans, who truly love the baseball franchise that has meant so much to our community for almost 40 years. The City will continue its efforts to make sure that Angels management adheres to the terms of the contract. But, we urge you, the Angels fans, to continue to support the players and the team itself. They are not a part of this misguided marketing effort and should not be punished or faulted for the decisions of the front office.

The City of Anaheim continues to be proud of the 2002 World Champion and the 2004 Western Division Champion Anaheim Angels.

We wish the team the best for a successful 2005 season.

Sincerely,

The Mayor and Anaheim City Council