



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris To MLB Commissioner Manfred: Bring All-Star Game To Queens

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NEW YORK – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris called on Major League Baseball to hold its annual All-Star game at Queens’ CitiField after MLB announced today they were pulling the game from Atlanta, Georgia following the state’s enactment of a law curtailing voting rights. Senator Gianaris made his request in a letter to MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred.

“There is no place in America that better symbolizes what our country stands for than its most diverse county,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “Queens was also among the hardest hit during the covid-19 pandemic, and this would be a fitting tribute to honor the all-stars of our community.”

Read Senator Gianaris’ full letter to Commissioner Manfred [here](#) and below:

*April 2, 2021*

*Rob Manfred, Commissioner*

*Major League Baseball*

*1271 Avenue of the Americas*

*New York, New York 10020*

*Dear Commissioner Manfred,*

*I write in light of your recent decision to move Major League Baseball’s All-Star Game from Atlanta in response to their new anti-voting rights law. I commend you and MLB for taking this important stand in favor of democratic principles. This game is a beloved annual tradition for baseball fans across the nation and I would like to encourage Major League Baseball to hold the 2021 All Star game at CitiField in Queens, New York.*

*There is no place in America that better symbolizes what our country stands for than Queens - home of CitiField and the New York Mets. The most diverse county in the United States was also among the hardest hit during the covid-19 pandemic, and this would be a fitting tribute to honor the all-stars of our community.*

*I hope you give due consideration to relocating the MLB All-Star game to Queens. We stand ready to welcome MLB to our community warmly and safely.*

*Sincerely,*

*Senator Michael Gianaris*

*Deputy Majority Leader*