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In the same way, he asks to restore completely the personnel of the American embassy in Havana and that of the diplomatic legation of the Caribbean nation in Washington DC.

The resolution was introduced this Monday by Councilwoman Teresa Mosqueda, chairwoman of the Committee on Housing, Health, Energy and Workers' Rights of the said city body, and activist Cindy Domingo, who is the organizer of the U.S. association. Women and Cuba Collaboration.

The text recalled that in the 1960s the American government imposed the aforementioned fence, which 'continues to inflict difficulties on the men, women and children of Cuba by creating shortages of food, medicine and financial and commercial opportunities.'

In addition, he recalled that on December 17, 2014, the governments of both countries announced a new era of bilateral ties and agreed to reestablish diplomatic relations, which led to the reopening of their respective embassies the following year.

The resolution said that despite some changes made during the Obama administration, the blockade is still in force, and regretted that the Trump executive has taken steps back to tighten it and bring relations between the United States and Cuba back to the era of the Cold War.

'Pleased to present a resolution to the vote in plenary of the Council to support the end of the embargo (blockade) on the Cuban people,' Mosqueda said in his Twitter social network account.

The council said that with the approval of this Monday, Seattle becomes the twelfth city in the United States to pass a similar resolution.

Previously they had done Detroit (Michigan), Richmond, Berkeley, Sacramento and Oakland (California), Helena (Montana), Minneapolis and Saint Paul (Minnesota), Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania), Brookline (Massachusetts) and Hartford (Connecticut).

Miguel Fraga, first secretary of the Cuban embassy in this country, celebrated the resolution on his Twitter account and thanked the city for that step. 'Strong and clear now from #Seattle: #UnblockCuba! (Unlock Cuba) Thank you Seattle!' He wrote.

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