

## **Hall of Fame Process Has Changed and How**

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I received my Hall of Fame ballot the other day, not that I needed one in some cases.

The lobbyists for Juan Gonzalez and Edgar Martinez had sent me reminders about their worthiness weeks earlier. The Hall of Fame rewards have become so great -- economically and otherwise -- the process is akin to a political campaign these days.

Can campaign slogans be far ahead?

Yep, I can just hear Ernie Banks back in the day – Cooperstown *would be heaven in '77...*