

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Lustig

Date Submitted: 03/05/2026 02:28 PM

Council File No: 26-0263

Comments for Public Posting: I fully support that the intersection of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Sheldon Street Square be designated "Michael L. O'Gara Square." Mike was a dogged advocate of Sun Valley and dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours to support and protect its resources be it environmental, economic or human.

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Name: Norma O. Chávez

Date Submitted: 03/05/2026 10:27 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this motion. Mike O'Gara was a very active member of the Sun Valley community for many years. He advocated for improvements of our quality of life. He was a board member of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council who organized valuable events beneficial to the entire valley such as the Citizenship Workshops where people were helped to fill out their citizenship application and get it sent to INS for free. He was chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee and was key in ensuring many regulations took place for our industrial area which helped reduce air pollution. I urge the City Council to support this motion that the community and SVANC has been asking for to honor the many hours Mike devoted to helping Sun Valley.

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Name: Monica Vacas

Date Submitted: 03/05/2026 10:34 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council member since 2011 I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Mike OGara. Mr. OGara was the most professional, dedicated, hard working, devoted resident of his community in Sun Valley. Always working towards making Sun Valley a better place to call home. There was never a challenge too big for Mike to handle. Mr. OGara together with Cindy Sower fought hard to end prostitution and human trafficking in Sun Valley. An honorable Navy Veteran Mr, OGara will always be remembered as a valuable member of his community.

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Name: Rosalio Garcia

Date Submitted: 03/05/2026 06:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am very excited this motion is in place and I urge all council members to support it. I started joining community meetings because of Mike. I attended several meetings where he led the entire community in working to improve Sun Valley. He was a very committed board member who spent almost ten hours a day at the SVANC's office preparing letters, holding meetings, planning events, and serving the community in whatever way he could. He was well known in the community and highly respected. He was strict and firm, but kind hearted. I had the privilege of working with him as a member of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council. He truly deserves to be recognized for all his work! May he and his wife rest in peace.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Garcia

Date Submitted: 03/05/2026 06:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Council to support this motion to designate the intersection of Laurel Canyon Blvd and Sheldon St. as the Michael L. O'Gara Square and to erect a permanent ceremonial sign to give tribute to a man who dedicated countless hours of work to serve the community of Sun Valley.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff W.

Date Submitted: 03/05/2026 09:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Council File CF 26-0263 to designate the intersection of Laurel Canyon Blvd. and Sheldon Street in Sun Valley as “Mike O’Gara Square.” Mike O’Gara was a longtime Sun Valley resident, founder and former president of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, and a dedicated community leader who worked tirelessly to improve the neighborhood. In addition to his community service, Mike had a distinguished career in television production, helping launch Entertainment Tonight and mentoring many in the industry. Naming this intersection in his honor would be a fitting tribute to his lasting contributions to both the Sun Valley community and the television industry.

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Name: Kevin Gershan

Date Submitted: 03/05/2026 08:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Kevin Gershan 4431 Ledge Avenue Toluca Lake, CA 91602 Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council City of Los Angeles Re: CF 26-0263 | Support for “Mike O’Gara Square” – Laurel Canyon Blvd. & Sheldon Street Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to strongly support the proposal to designate the intersection of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Sheldon Street as “Mike O’Gara Square.” Mike O’Gara was not only a remarkable community leader in Sun Valley, but also a man whose generosity, mentorship, and dedication left a lasting impact on countless people — myself included. My connection with Mike and his family goes back many decades. His wife, Barbara, taught me how to ice skate when I was just five years old, and the O’Gara family has always represented the very best of the Sun Valley community. Mike later became both a friend and a longtime professional colleague of mine in the television industry. Over the years, Mike and I had the privilege of working together at Paramount/Viacom/CBS, where he served as Executive In Charge of Production on Entertainment Tonight and later on Hard Copy, two landmark programs in television news and entertainment. Mike was instrumental in shaping Entertainment Tonight into the gold standard of entertainment journalism for more than four decades. His leadership, professionalism, and calm authority behind the scenes were admired by everyone who worked with him. We also crossed paths professionally during his time at The Walt Disney Company, including work connected to Disney’s 50th Anniversary of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and Magic in the Magic Kingdom. Mike’s career spanned an extraordinary era of television production, and he played a meaningful role in many historic broadcasts. Yet for all of his professional accomplishments, what impressed me most was how deeply he cared about his community. After retiring from television in 2004, Mike devoted enormous time and energy to improving Sun Valley, serving as a founder and president of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council and advocating tirelessly for local residents. His commitment to civic engagement and neighborhood improvement showed the same leadership and dedication he brought to his career in television. Mike believed strongly in giving back to the community that he loved. Naming the intersection of Laurel Canyon and Sheldon “Mike O’Gara

Square” would be a fitting and meaningful way to recognize a man who spent decades improving the lives of others and strengthening the Sun Valley community. Mike made a difference both locally and nationally—as a pioneer in television production and as a devoted neighborhood leader. It would be entirely appropriate for Sun Valley to permanently honor someone who gave so much of his time, wisdom, and heart to the area. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Sincerely, Kevin Gershan 818-216-9321 kevingershan@gmail.com