

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mylin

**Date Submitted:** 03/06/2026 01:20 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0263

**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.” I had the pleasure of working for Mike at Entertainment Tonight for several years and consider him to be a distinguished leader in both his profession and in his community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Steve Ross

**Date Submitted:** 03/06/2026 02:58 PM

**Council File No:** 26-0263

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi everyone, I'm reaching out to ask for a quick favor in support of someone who meant a great deal to many of us — Mike O'Gara. The City of Los Angeles is currently considering a proposal to name the intersection of Laurel Canyon Blvd. and Sheldon Street in Sun Valley as "Mike O'Gara Square." Mike was a longtime Sun Valley resident, founder and former president of the Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, and a tireless advocate for improving the community. Many of you may also know Mike from his remarkable career in television. He was Executive in Charge of Production on Entertainment Tonight and Hard Copy, helped launch Entertainment Tonight in 1981, and spent decades mentoring countless people in the television industry. After retiring, he devoted much of his time to serving and improving the Sun Valley community. If you're willing, please take a moment to post a public comment in support of this designation. It only takes a minute. 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. On a personal note, Mike was very good to me while I was under his employ as a videotape operator on Hard Copy. He was one of the very few best bosses I had during my 14 year television production career in Los Angeles, before I moved to Tampa, FL and became a Deputy Sheriff! Thank you. Steve Ross

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Thomas Weisel

**Date Submitted:** 03/06/2026 03:24 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It surprises me that anyone seeks to honor Michael O’Gara. I worked under him at Paramount Television for 7 years (1992–1999). He was consistently regarded by many staffers as an unscrupulous libertine who exploited his position at Paramount to enrich himself. I can personally attest to the fact that O’Gara willfully underpaid IATSE employees, and dodged paying Video Editors for performing as Directors on the Paramount lot. O’Gara brazenly declared that such (reasonable) compensation was “never going to happen” on his watch. Consequently, anything named after Michael O’Gara will be laughable to anyone who was actually acquainted with the man. Cc: Directors Guild of America, 7920 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90046; IATSE Editors Guild Local 700, 7715 Sunset Blvd., Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90046; Paramount Television Legal Dept., 5555 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038

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**Name:** Norm Strassner

**Date Submitted:** 03/06/2026 08:55 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Anyone that can keep 130+ production sheep in the pen and on the job, it was Mike O'Gara. When I came in to interview with him for a job as an editor at Entertainment Tonight back in 1981, I walked over to his cubicle, got his attention and introduced myself. He got up and really did give me a once over and said, "Well you don't look as weird as some others I've seen". I liked him instantly. He asked me if I knew how to work a Convergence 103 editor. I said I did, no problem. I actually never ever saw one, but i knew a "no" answer would put me back out on the street. Having used several editing systems I was sure it was not complicated and, sure enough, was pretty much one of the least complicated systems and easy to learn, instantly. Back to Mike. It was both a pleasure and an honor to work with him. If herding cats was a specialty, he would be a Ph.D. My wife and I ran into Mike and his wife THREE TIMES down in the Baja California Peninsula; Eating cheap 'lobsters' in funky restaurants and just walking around Ensenada and other small towns back in the Eighties. Rest in peace, Mike. Your memory will be a blessing.

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**Name:** David G.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sean

**Date Submitted:** 03/06/2026 10:21 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0263

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly urge the LA City Council to honor Mike O’Gara by naming the intersection of Laurel Canyon and Sheldon after him, for his service and dedication to all of the residents in his Sun Valley community.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bill Barlow

**Date Submitted:** 03/06/2026 10:30 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support enthusiastically join my fellow Los Angelinos in supporting Council File CF 26-0263 to designate the intersection of Laurel Canyon Blvd. and Sheldon Street in Sun Valley as “Mike O’Gara Square.”

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cheri Brownlee

**Date Submitted:** 03/06/2026 10:44 AM

**Council File No:** 26-0263

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support Council File CF 26-0263. Mike was one of the finest people Ive had the pleasure of knowing. His work in the community was exemplary.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sue Nadell-Gintel

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