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Mike O'Gara, a 44-year resident of Sun Valley and New York native, was a long-time community leader. For over a decade, he served on the Sun Valley Neighborhood Council, including sitting as the Planning and Land Use Chairperson. He is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara who also served on the SVANC board, his sons, Michael, Sean, & Matt and his grandchildren, Michael, Liam & Katie.

Mike joined the U.S. Navy at 17, trained as an Aviation Electronics Technician, and served in Navy Patrol Squadron Two (VP-2) as an air crewmember on a Lockheed P2V-7, patrolling the Russian coast from Japan. Following his service, he worked globally as the lighting director for the Ice Capades, where he met his wife. In 1966, Mike moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in television production, which spanned 38 years with companies like CBS, KCET, and Paramount Television. He was a key team member for the launch of "Entertainment Tonight" and "Hard Copy," and retired in 2004 after a decade as the Executive in Charge of Production for "Entertainment Tonight."

In retirement, Mike focused on environmental stewardship and actively serving his local community. He dedicated countless hours to addressing environmental impacts in Sun Valley. He served on the LADWP Recycled Water Advisory Committee (RWAG) and the LADWP OneWater 2040 Plan since its beginning. For years, he was on the Executive Committee for The Valley Alliance Of Neighborhood Councils and the advisory council for Los Angeles PLANCHECK.

As a tribute to one of Sun Valley's greatest community advocates, the intersection of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Sheldon Street Square should be named "Michael L. O'Gara" in honor of his unwavering dedication to his neighborhood.

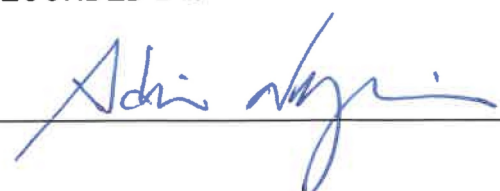
I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Sheldon Street Square be designated "Michael L. O'Gara Square" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

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