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**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your

**ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING**

**Committee**

report as follows:

Public Comments: Yes No  
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ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE REPORT relative to designating the trail connecting the Mount Saint Mary Fire Road to the Canyonback Trail around the Mountaingate development in Brentwood the "Nancy and Dick Riordan Trail."

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rosendahl - Smith - et al.):

1. REQUEST the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy to name the new trail that connects the Mount Saint Mary Fire Road to the Canyonback Trail around the Mountaingate development in Brentwood the "Nancy and Dick Riordan Trail."
2. DIRECT the Department of Recreation and Parks to place a sign designating the trail as "Nancy and Dick Riordan Trail" at the trailhead at Canyonback Road.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

SUMMARY

Motion (Rosendahl - Smith - et al.) notes that the Santa Monica Mountains offer clean air, natural wilderness and breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean. The terrain attracts both people looking for a peaceful place to live and people looking for recreation. The Motion states that the same open space that buffers residents from the chaos of the City also provides hikers and mountain bikers with ample trails to explore.

The Motion states that while both groups prize the open space, their differing interests can cause tension. Recently, a new trail was created that connects the Mount Saint Mary's Fire Road to the Canyonback Trail around the Mountaingate community. The Motion reports that the agreement that created this trail is remarkable in that it was able to bring together groups with differing interests towards a common goal.

Motion (Rosendahl - Smith - et al.) states that this agreement never would have come about without an independent broker who was respected by all sides and who has the credibility and authority to foster the trust needed for the agreement. When the developer, homeowners and the trail users seemed destined for litigation, their representatives met at the home of Nancy & Dick Riordan where the road led from conflict to resolution.

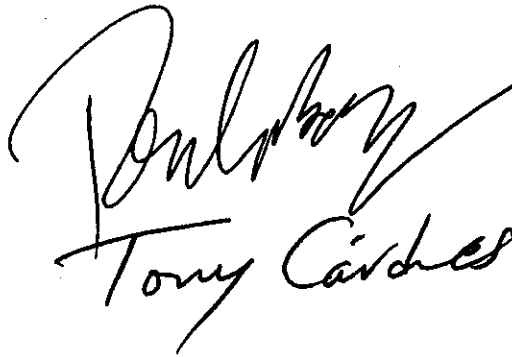
Finally, the Motion notes that Nancy and Dick Riordan have shown a lifelong commitment to public service and to improving their community. They have also demonstrated a dedication to the principle that open space and the outdoors are a treasure to be enjoyed by all. Because of their continuous efforts to make Los Angeles better, they have earned the respect necessary to

make great things happen. The Motion calls for the designation of the trail connecting the Mount Saint Mary Fire Road to the Canyonback Trail around the Mountaingate development in Brentwood the "Nancy and Dick Riordan Trail."

At its regular meeting held on December 13, 2006, the Councilmember of the Eleventh District gave the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee a briefing on the proposal to designate the trail connecting the Mount Saint Mary Fire Road to the Canyonback Trail around the Mountaingate development in Brentwood the "Nancy and Dick Riordan Trail." After a brief discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in Motion (Rosendahl - Smith - et al.). This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH AND AGING COMMITTEE



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| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| LABONGE:      | YES         |
| PERRY:        | ABSENT      |
| CARDENAS:     | YES         |

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**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

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