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CONSERVANCY DEDICATES NEW TRAIL IN SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

*Nancy and Dick Riordan Trail Honors the Riordan's Commitment
To Recreational Opportunity and Open Space in Los Angeles*

Brentwood, California—At a ceremony in a spectacular rugged wilderness only a few miles above Sunset Boulevard, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority joined Councilmember Bill Rosendahl and Council President Eric Garcetti to dedicate a new trail in honor of Nancy Riordan and her husband, former Mayor Richard Riordan.

The Nancy and Dick Riordan Trail in Bundy Canyon above Mt. St. Mary's College is located on a new MRCA-owned trail easement through 300 acres of protected open space. When completed, it will connect Mt. St. Mary's Fire Road to the existing Canyonback Trail, and increase public access to more than 20,000 acres of open space in the Santa Monica Mountains known as the "Big Wild." Former Mayor Riordan was instrumental to the development of the trail, and worked together with the Conservancy, Councilmember Rosendahl, the Canyonback Alliance, Save Our Mountains, Inc. (SOMI), and Castle and Cooke, developer of the nearby Mountaingate Estates. Councilmember Rosendahl introduced a motion unanimously approved by Los Angeles City Council to name the trail for Mrs. Riordan and the former Mayor, who have contributed immeasurably to the civic life of Los Angeles.

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Castle and Cooke provided funding to build the trail, which is presently only partially completed at 1.6 miles. An additional mile of trail will provide for full public access from Canyonback Drive. Hikers, walkers, and mountain bikers will be rewarded with stunning views to the Pacific Ocean and Catalina Island, mature, mixed chaparral, and a natural creek.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was established by the California State Legislature in 1980. Since that time, it has helped to preserve over 60,000 acres of parkland in both wilderness and urban settings, and has improved more than 115 public recreational facilities throughout Southern California.

The MRCA is a local government public entity established in 1985 pursuant to the Joint Powers Act between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Conejo Recreation and Park District, and the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District.

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