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Conservancy Names Mulholland Drive Overlook for Local Conservationist *Barbara A. Fine Contributed to the Preservation of Hundreds of Acres of Open Space in the Santa Monica Mountains*

Studio City—The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy announced today that it has named a prominent overlook on world famous Mulholland Drive after one of the Santa Monica Mountains most ardent champions--Barbara A. Fine.

“Barbara Fine was the embodiment of the philosophy that one person can make a difference,” said Los Angeles Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky who was on hand with dozens of Ms. Fine’s friends, family and colleagues to dedicate the overlook. “The Santa Monica Mountains was her neighborhood. It is wholly appropriate that this grand vista should be named for her.”

Located on the Mulholland Scenic Parkway between Laurel Canyon Blvd. and Coldwater Canyon Drive, the Barbara A. Fine Overlook at the Summit provides sweeping views of the Santa Monica, San Gabriel and Verdugo Mountains. It is visited by thousands of locals and tourists each year.

Barbara A. Fine Dedicated much of her life to protecting open space in the Santa Monica Mountains from development. In more than thirty years of effort, Barbara’s

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extraordinary perseverance and vision contributed to the preservation of hundreds of acres of open space in the eastern, more populated portion of the mountain range.

In the 1980's, Barbara led the fight to stop houses from being built in upper Fryman Canyon. She was instrumental in creating a citywide Hillside Ordinance which limits the number and size of homes that can be built on hillside properties in mountain ranges throughout Los Angeles. She was also a crucial force behind the creation of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan, which shapes development along 22 miles of the Scenic Parkway.

Barbara later applied her vision of balancing growth with nature and quality of life to other parts of the city. A familiar face at City Hall, she fought to ensure that essential resources and services were delivered to residents in a way consistent with the principles of sustainable development.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is dedicated to the preservation and acquisition of open space and parkland throughout Southern California.

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