

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX NAMING
A CONNECTOR STREET BETWEEN TAMALPAIS AND SCENIC ROADS AS
“SHAPIRO LANE” IN HONOR OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE
COMMUNITY BY HELEN AND CARL SHAPIRO**

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Town Council would like to recognize people who have made significant contributions to the community by naming streets in their honor; and

WHEREAS, Carl and Helen Shapiro have lived in Fairfax next to the connector street to be named since 1942, and have raised their 3 children in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, Carl was a founder of an early baseball little league where he served as a coach and both he and Helen were active with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts when their children were young; and

WHEREAS, Carl was a carpenter before he became a lawyer and worked on such Fairfax buildings as the Fairfax Theater and the former Central School and had his first law office at 1912 Sir Francis Drake in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, Helen Shapiro was one of the founders of the San Anselmo Cooperative Nursery School and a long time supporter of the Fairfax-San Anselmo Children’s Center, and a rural mail carrier during World War II in Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, Helen Shapiro became a lawyer at the age of 62 after graduating second in her law school class behind her daughter Sylvia and worked with Carl in the same office serving many who would otherwise not have representation until she was 93, at which time she was the oldest practicing female attorney in California; and

WHEREAS, Carl Shapiro, as an attorney, has served as an advocate for the condemned doing Death Row appeals; created a draft counseling organization during the Vietnam War and represented people who refused induction during that war; and has represented many disenfranchised and underrepresented clients for many years; and

WHEREAS, Carl and Helen Shapiro have both served the Fairfax community by their dedication to the poor and underprivileged of our community as attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Carl and Helen Shapiro were two of only five recipients of the prestigious Barney Dreyfus Award for humanitarian service, an honor named after a famous Mill Valley civil rights attorney; and

WHEREAS, this action is in conformance with Fairfax Municipal Code Section 16.24.050(D), which requires proposed street namings to be referred to the Fairfax Historical Society for a recommendation, and said proposed “Shapiro Lane” has been recommended by the Fairfax Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, this action will assist in developing a stronger sense of community by honoring one of the prominent families in Fairfax, creating a connection between past and present, enhancing the history of the community, honoring community role models, and communicating community values.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town street between Scenic and Tamalpais Roads is hereby named "Shapiro Lane." The name shall take effect upon the adoption of this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was duly introduced and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 5th day of May, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

LEW TREMAINE, MAYOR

Attest:

Judy Anderson, Town Clerk