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To: Beck, Michael; Bill Bogaard
Cc: Gutierrez, Julie; Suzuki, Takako
Subject: RECOGNITION OF SGT SCOTT STUDENMUND

To City Mgr Michael Beck & Former Mayor, Bill Bogaard

Hello Michael & Bill:

As you know, Sgt Scott Studenmund, a resident of La Canada Flintridge, was tragically killed while on duty in Afghanistan, June 9, 2014.

Mayor Bogaard requested all flags to be flown at half-staff for a week. In addition, the City Council meeting on June 16 adjourned with a meaningful tribute to honor Scott with remarks by Mayor Bogaard and Police Chief Sanchez.

PREVIOUSLY.... FOUR Pasadena soldiers were killed in this ongoing conflict.

Question: Why were these 4 fallen warriors not so recognized? Did our Mayor have a special relationship with the Studenmund family?

In addition, concerns have been raised re the placement of this Memorial Sculpture in Defenders Park. This location on CITY PARKLAND was selected without any public notice.

Initially a "Steering Committee"... family & friends of the Studenmunds, proposed placing the Sculpture across from City Hall, which was rejected. They were directed to Memorial Park...also rejected...no reason was given. Memorial Park is the logical & appropriate location...to join other Pasadena War Memorials.

Because of unexplained aspects like the one pointed out above, the Council should not rush into a decision at the Sept 28 Council meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

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CC: Mayor Tornek & Members of the City Council