

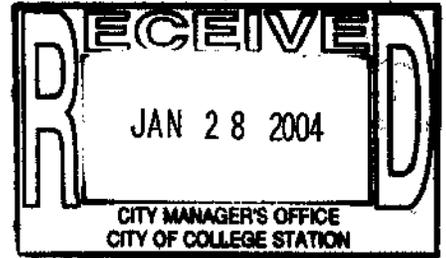
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Dear Mayor Silvia and Mr. Brymer:

On behalf of The Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University, please be advised that we are keenly aware of the efforts of the Field of Honor Committee. This is a project that was initiated some ten years ago and failed to materialize for a number of reasons. Although we did and do support the concept of an Aggie Field of Honor, promoting, marketing or managing a cemetery is not consistent with mission of The Association of Former Students.

That said, The Association does realize the value a Field of Honor could bring to Texas A&M University and its former students, primarily for those former students who want to come back to TAMU as their final farewell, similar to the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

To that extent, we enthusiastically support and encourage this concept.

The Association of Former Students is not in a position to utilize any of its resources, personnel or facilities in the sales and marketing effort of this project. We will however, communicate the availability of the Field of Honor to our Board of Directors, Leadership Council, Class Agents, and Club Presidents and encourage them to pass the information on to their individual constituents. If the Field of Honor were completed, we would consider publishing an appropriate article about it in the Texas Aggie.

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We appreciate the City's relationship with Texas A&M and The Association and applaud its willingness to consider what we believe will be a great asset for the City, The Association and Texas A&M.

Very truly yours,



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