



Garden Grove City Council  
11222 Acacia Pkwy  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am pleased to support the establishment of a dog park and war dog memorial along the former Pacific Electric right of way through the city of Garden Grove.

It has been brought to our attention that there has been an effort made to have a full service dog park and war dog memorial in the vicinity of a bike/walking trail that is currently under construction in the city of Garden Grove.

Military K-9's, often called "war dogs," have a long history with our military services of all branches. They were in the trenches of World War I, the mine fields of World War II, and on the front lines in Korea. Over 4,000 military dogs were used in Vietnam on search-and-destroy missions, for sentry duty and for mine and explosive detection. It is estimated that each dog saved more than 150 lives. Most did not return home.

These dogs deserve to be remembered for their courage before enemy fire, their versatility in the field and their sheer tenacity. Today, every branch of service uses military working dogs for a variety of tasks. They are more valuable than ever as bomb and IED detectors. Surely, the war on terror would not be as effective without them.

To my knowledge, there are only two war dog memorials in Southern California and none in Orange County.

For this reason I support the efforts to establish a dog park and war memorial in the City of Garden Grove, California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Quirk-Silva". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Quirk-Silva  
Assemblywoman, 65<sup>th</sup> District