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200 East Main Street
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Dear Chairman Vaughn and Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to you on behalf of The Fayette Alliance. The Fayette Alliance is a coalition of agricultural, neighborhood, and development interests whose aim is to promote urban and rural vitality in Lexington-Fayette County.

As a matter of general land use policy, The Fayette Alliance supports the Neighborhood-Design Overlay designation in Article 29 of the LFUCG Zoning Ordinance. With this tool, neighborhoods can voluntarily establish broad design standards for new construction, adaptive reuse, and rehabilitation projects in their area.

This overlay process furthers Goals 8 and 15 of the 2007 Comprehensive Plan which calls for the creation of “strategies that enable and encourage appropriate infill and redevelopment of established developments and neighborhoods” and to “preserve,

protect, and enhance the character and quality of existing neighborhoods”. As such, the ND-1 overlay concept is legally consistent with Lexington’s fundamental land use planning document; and in turn creates a win-win for the developer and the community by facilitating needed investment in our city, while also protecting its unique and special streetscape.

Therefore, The Fayette Alliance supports the ND-1 overlay process because it advances responsible infill redevelopment in Lexington—a core strategy in achieving farmland preservation in Fayette County.

Sincerely,

Knox van Nagell
Executive Director