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Dallam B. Harper, Chairman
LFUCG Planning Commission
101 East Vine Street
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March 22, 2007

Dear Chairman Harper,

I am writing to you as the Executive Director of the Fayette Alliance. The Fayette Alliance is a coalition of agricultural, neighborhood, and development interests who are dedicated to promoting our irreplaceable farmland, to protecting our unique agricultural enterprises from erosive suburban expansion, and to securing a better, more prosperous future for our entire Lexington-Fayette County community.

The Fayette Alliance is concerned about the proposed Headley-Whitney text amendment to the A-R zone. If adopted, this text amendment would allow two-story museums-larger than 10,000 square feet- in the A-R zone

Although the Headley-Whitney museum is a significant asset to the Lexington-Fayette County community, its proposed text amendment has many potential negative impacts for our world-renowned landscape and the \$3 billion dollar signature industries that depend on it.

As cultural institutions, museums host a diverse array of events that generate noise, traffic, and large influxes of people. While museums are essential to the edification of

any society, their activities are best suited to an urban environment- not interspersed next to sensitive agricultural operations or environmental areas.

For these reasons, the Fayette Alliance respectfully supports the staff's recommendation to postpone this matter for future consideration. The Planning Commission, staff, and community need more time to fully examine the impacts of museums in the rural area.

The Fayette Alliance truly looks forward to working with all involved parties, and we appreciate the Commission's commitment to responsible land-use planning in Lexington-Fayette County.

Sincerely,

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May 10th, 2007

Dear Chairman Harper,

I am writing to you as the Executive Director of the Fayette Alliance. The Fayette Alliance is a coalition of agricultural, neighborhood, and development interests who are dedicated to promoting our irreplaceable farmland, to protecting our unique agricultural enterprises from adverse suburban expansion, and to securing a better, more prosperous future for our entire Lexington-Fayette County community.

As you know, the Headley-Whitney museum is proposing to amend the text of LFUCG zoning ordinance 4-3(a), governing non-conforming uses.

The Fayette Alliance has concerns about this proposal. As such, we do not support the proposed text amendment. However, the Fayette Alliance does not object to the proposal, provided that the aggregate addition(s) for all structures of a non-conforming use- regardless of whether the facilities experience multiple additions over time, and/or are located on more than one lot- is limited to a TOTAL 10,000 square feet of floor area.

This limitation will ensure that uses permitted in the Rural Service Area, be they conditional or non-conforming, are subject to equitable legal treatment under the LFUCG

zoning ordinance-thereby serving the best interests of the entire Lexington-Fayette County community.

Thank you for considering our position, and we appreciate the Commission's dedication to responsible land-use planning.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Knox van Nagell
Executive Director