



## FAYETTE ALLIANCE

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### **Linda Gorton**

Linda Gorton served 16 years on the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, retiring January 4, 2015, as Vice Mayor of Lexington-Fayette County. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Kentucky (UK) and retired after 43 years of nursing practice in hospital, public clinic and office settings.

Vice Mayor Gorton served on several Council standing committees— Planning and Public Works, Budget and Finance, Environmental Quality, Intergovernmental, Services, and General Government Committee. She chaired numerous standing committees, as well as many task forces and sub-committees while on the Council. Linda has been especially interested in our agricultural & equine economies, and was a member of the Council, which approved the Rural Land Management Plan (1999) and the Purchase of Development Rights Program (2000). She sponsored the Council resolution (2013) in support of hemp cultivation in Kentucky, which was sent by the Council to the Kentucky Legislature and the Governor.

She currently serves on the UK College of Nursing Dean's Advisory Board, the UK Martin School Board of Visitors, Carnegie Center Board, America in Bloom Lexington Board, and the Friends of the Dog Park Board.

Linda's past service on numerous community boards and commissions includes: Lexington Parks Advisory, Sister Cities, The Arboretum, Lexington Convention Center, LexArts, Senior Services Commission, Bluegrass Armed Forces Community Covenant Committee, and Bluegrass Council of Boy Scouts.

Linda was named one of the UK College of Nursing's 50 Outstanding Alumni and received the Baptist Health Woman's Community Leadership Award. She was honored with the Arboretum Bur Oak Society recognition, the LexArts Community Award, as well as the Boy Scout Silver Beaver Award for work with youth. Linda and her husband Charles, have a daughter and son-in-law at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, a son and daughter-in-law at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, and four beautiful grandchildren.