

# Global Lex

Lexington Global Engagement Center

## General Government and Social Services Committee

November 3, 2015

Department of Social Services

Multicultural Affairs

# Global Lex Opening

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- Official Opening on August 28, 2015
- 2 Staff Members
- LFUCG Collaboration
  - General Services
  - Social Services
  - Information Technology
  - LexCall



# Challenges

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- Lack of infrastructure
  - Interpreters
  - Education and Training
  - Workforce and entrepreneurial support
  - Time



# Proposed Goals

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## ■ Immediate

- Internships
- Collaboration with community partners
- Education and Training
- Creation of a *Mayor's International Affairs Advisory Commission*
  - Established by Ordinance #61-2015
- Creation of Global Lex website

## ■ Long-Term

- Engaging the local community
- Engaging the immigrant community



# Immediate Goal

## Internships

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- **University Students**
  - Students from area colleges and universities
    - Business, Medicine, Public Health, Social Work, Language and International Studies
- **Professional Immigrants**
  - LFUCG Internships
  - Toyota



# Immediate Goal

## Collaboration with Community Partners

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- Education (with targeted ESL)
  - UK and the Fayette County Attorney
- Service Organizations
  - Social services including housing, domestic violence, refugee services, and food security
- Arts and Culture
  - LEXARTS
  - Cultural organizations such as FLACA and JASK



# Immediate Goal

## Education and Training

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- **Driver's Education and Transportation Safety**
  - 2 ten week courses
  - Public Safety Interaction
  - Financial Literacy
  - Multilingual Q&A with Kentucky Housing Authority
  - Citizenship Examination
  - Domestic Violence Prevention
  - Seed Leaf and BCTC Garden Plots
  - Referrals



# Conclusion

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- We are on our 9<sup>th</sup> week in our efforts to assist our foreign-born residents and citizens to become “engaged, entrepreneurial catalysts and informed civic participants.”
- We have begun to provide our general population more avenues of being globally connected and informed.





Questions?