



Lexington - Fayette County

LINDA GORTON
MAYOR

TO: Council Members

Linda Gorton

FROM: Linda Gorton, Mayor
RE: Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives
DATE: June 22, 2023

I watched and listened carefully to your many hours of work to craft the Goals and Objectives (G & O) for the 2023 Comprehensive Plan for Lexington-Fayette County, Kentucky. It was obvious you cared very much about the importance of this effort to the future of our community, and you acted deliberately to address some of Lexington's greatest concerns. In the end, the vast majority of you voted to support the revised G & O.

Lexington's decades-old Urban Service Boundary has served us well, preventing expensive sprawl and supporting intentional, planned development. Our efforts to fill in vacant land inside the boundary have been key to maintaining our valuable agricultural economic engine outside the boundary.

Our community is growing, which is a good thing. I understand the need for equitable planning policies and expanded housing and employment opportunities to accommodate this growth and to meet the needs of all our residents. I understand our boundary will change; however, a data-driven expansion, based on the recommendations presented by the Sustainable Growth Task Force, as well as some of the underlying mechanisms of the Goal 4 Group, is imperative to knowing exactly when and how much to grow.

For these reasons, I have decided not to sign the Goals and Objectives Resolution (No. 0644-23) as approved by the Council on June 15, 2023. **This legislation will go forward without my signature.**