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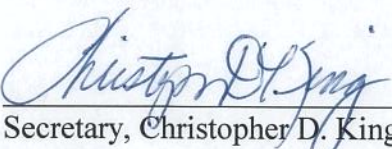
RECOMMENDATION OF THE
URBAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
OF LEXINGTON AND FAYETTE COUNTY, KENTUCKY

IN RE: ZOTA 2014-2: AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 8-17, 8-18, & 8-19 & ARTICLE 27 TO IMPLEMENT "DESIGN EXCELLENCE" – petition for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to implement, in part, the "Design Excellence" program.

Having considered the above matter on **March 27, 2014**, at a Public Hearing and having voted **10-0** that this Recommendation be submitted to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, the Urban County Planning Commission does hereby recommend **APPROVAL** of this matter for the following reasons:

1. The proposed text amendment is the first step in implementing the "Design Excellence" program, as developed by the Design Excellence Task Force, an Urban County Council appointed group. The Design Excellence Task Force was tasked with creating an approach to improve the overall design aesthetic of the downtown area.
2. The proposed changes to Articles 8 and 27 will create a new Downtown Area Design Excellence Board to review applications for redevelopment, rehabilitation and demolition that result in an exterior change to a property within the three downtown business zones (Downtown Business [B-2], Downtown Frame Business [B-2A], and Lexington Center Business [B-2B]), utilizing yet-to-be adopted design standards and guidelines.

ATTEST: This 11th day of April, 2014.



Secretary, Christopher D. King

MIKE OWENS
CHAIR

At the Public Hearing before the Urban County Planning Commission, this petition was represented by **Traci Wade, Senior Planner.**

OBJECTIONS _____

• NONE

OBJECTORS _____

• NONE

VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

AYES:	(10)	Berkley, Blanton, Cravens, Drake, Mundy, Owens, Penn, Plumlee, Smith, and Wilson
NAYS:	(0)	
ABSENT:	(1)	Brewer
ABSTAINED:	(0)	
DISQUALIFIED:	(0)	

Motion for **Approval** of **ZOTA 2014-1** carried.

Enclosures: Initiating Resolution
 Text recommended by the Planning Commission
 Staff Report
 Applicable excerpts of minutes of above meeting