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

**IN RE:** **PLN-ZOTA-22-0019: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 8-2(D): ATHLETIC FIELDS AND STRUCTURES** – a petition for a Zoning Ordinance text amendment to allow athletic fields with lighting and loud speakers in the Agricultural Buffer (A-B) zone as a conditional use and to increase the allowable structure size from 10,000 sq ft to two percent of the lot.

Having considered the above matter on **February 23, 2023**, at a Public Hearing and having voted **6-3** that this Recommendation be submitted to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, the Urban County Planning Commission does hereby recommend **APPROVAL OF THE ALTERNATIVE TEXT** for this matter for the following reasons:

1. The proposed amendment is reflective of the intent of the Agricultural Buffer (A-B) zone and allows for greater conformity with the allowable conditional uses within the Agricultural Rural (A-R) zone. Conditional uses near Blue Sky would have less impact because of development in existence along the Interstate interchange.
2. This text amendment is very limited in scope, and will not threaten the agricultural economy in the Rural Services Area.
3. The proposed amendment promotes the retention of larger lots within the Agricultural Buffer (A-B) zone, which would allow for an easier transition back to a traditional agricultural land used should a conditional use no longer be active.

**ATTEST:** This 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

  
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Secretary, Jim Duncan

**LARRY FORESTER**  
CHAIR

At the Public Hearing before the Urban County Planning Commission, this petition was represented by **Nick Nicholson, attorney**.

**OBJECTORS**

- Brittany Rothemeier

**OBJECTIONS**

- Concerned that this text amendment opens the door for a precedent in the agricultural zones.

**VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:**

AYES: (6) Barksdale, Bell, de Movellan, Forester, Michler, and Nicol  
NAYS: (3) Davis, Meyer, and Worth  
ABSENT: (2) Penn and Pohl  
ABSTAINED: (0)  
DISQUALIFIED: (0)

Motion for **Approval** of **PLN-ZOTA-22-00019** carried.

Enclosures:      Application  
                         Justification  
                         Staff Report  
                         Planning Commission Recommended Text  
                         Applicable excerpts of minutes of above meeting