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To: Jim Gray, Mayor
Richard Moloney, CAO
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From: 
Chad Cottle, Open Data Chair

Date: December 14, 2011

RE: Legislative Action to Change Map Custodian Designation

On July 7, 2011, the Urban County Council passed resolution 292-2011 which was the first step toward digital transparency through the commonly accepted practice of “open data.” At the request of Council and the Administration, a committee was formed to work out the process wherein data could be disseminated *free of charge* to: promote transparency, enhance visibility, enliven public discourse and perhaps engage the community to develop Lexington-centric data applications. Geographic Information data are the most requested for LFUCG however, in order to appropriately offer data for free download, the GIS fee schedule requires changes. Therefore, legislative action is hereby requested to change Chapter 7, Section 17 (7-17) of the Code of Ordinances to reflect the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) as the government official who can “legally” set the fee schedules for GIS data. This would include zero-dollar fees for data to be offered under the Open Data initiative.

The committee looks forward to offering data to the public soon after Council passage.