

April 8, 2016

Mayor Jim Gray
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
Office of the Mayor
200 E. Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mayor Gray,

The Charles Young Community Center has been a gathering place for Lexington's East End neighborhood for more than 70 years – and it promotes a variety of programs, recreational activities, and services for children, seniors and all ages in between.

Many of our clients – children and adults alike – have mobility and transportation challenges. In the time since our Center first opened, the roads surrounding it have grown into major thoroughfares for vehicle traffic, but feature little accommodation for bus-riders, walkers, or bikers.

Even just crossing the street can be dangerous in places. That's why the Charles Young Center supports the Town Branch Commons Corridor project. We believe the improvements planned for the section going through our neighborhood will create a much safer, calmer and accessible atmosphere – encouraging children to attend programs and promoting peace of mind among parents.

The Center wants to become a vital run on the ladder of opportunity for families in this area. We believe that the transportation improvements are critical component of making sure families feel comfortable connecting with the center and its services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'JS' followed by a stylized flourish.