

WOODWARD HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

April 1, 2016

The Honorable Mayor Gray
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
200 E. Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mayor Gray:

Please accept this letter of support for the Town Branch Commons. As president of **Historic Woodward Heights Neighborhood Association**, which is immediately adjacent to the proposed site, I speak for our entire neighborhood when I say this is a monumental and history-making project with huge potential to improve quality of life in Lexington.

Our downtown neighborhood has climbed out of the abyss resulting from the exodus to the suburbs in the 1950s and the misguided urban renewal efforts of the 1960s and early 1970s. As one of the only remaining Victorian-era neighborhoods in Lexington, we have clung to the hope that Lexington would one day come to its senses and do something forward-thinking with the vast parking lots and industrial detritus surrounding the Town Branch waterway.

This little stream meandering through downtown Lexington was originally the lifeblood of the community and the town grew up around it. It enabled commerce and Lexington's critical early development. In its next incarnation, as Town Branch Commons, it can build a healthier, more connected populace. There are so many reasons that this is the right "next step" for Lexington.

We now have hope! Please support this project and put resources toward making Town Branch Commons a reality. The project will quite literally transform Lexington and act as a bridge bringing people and neighborhoods together and allowing all to enjoy a livable, walk-able, more vibrant community.

Thank you for your support of this project that has the power to shape our future.

Sincerely,

Fran Taylor

Fran Taylor, President
Woodward Heights Neighborhood Association