Public Comment Survey

Data from this survey will be used to help the City of Lexington understand how public engagement works or doesn't work in our community. This survey is being administered by CivicLex. We hope to report out the results from this survey in the early summer. If you provide your email at the end, we'll make sure to get it to you first. We're also happy to announce that anyone who provides their email address at the end of this will automatically be entered in sweepstakes for one of four prizes from Starbucks, Kroger, Ramsey's Diner, and Wilson's Market.

Here we go! Let's start with your first name.
You can give us a fake one if you want.

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Do you live or work in Fayette County?
A. Yes
B. No

Do you know who your Lexington Urban County Council Member is?
A. Yes: ________________________________
B. No
Section One: How do you engage with LFUCG?

How often would you say that you engage with Lexington's City Government?

*Engagement could be giving public comment in a meeting, contacting councilmembers, talking with city staff, or just about anything else.*

A. Frequently
B. Sometime – when something I care about comes up
C. I don’t engage, but I would be interested in doing so!
D. I don’t engage at all

Can you explain why you don’t engage more with Lexington’s city government?

*Choose as many as you like*

A. I’m not really interested in engaging
B. City meeting times are inconvenient
C. I am too busy to participate
D. Transportation to city meetings is difficult for me
E. I don't know/am confused about how to participate.
F. I don't know what issues are open for me to engage with.
G. Engaging with the city is overwhelming.
H. I don't think giving my opinion will make a difference.
I. Other: ______________________________________
J. There is nothing preventing me from engaging as much as I would like to

When you have engaged with City Government in the past, has it been about a single issue, or multiple subjects?

A. I have never engaged
B. I've engaged on a single issue
C. I've engaged on multiple subjects

What motivates you to engage with city government?

A. I have never engaged
B. I want to get involved in issues that directly impact me.
C. I want to get involved in issues that impact my community/neighborhood.
D. I want to get involved in issues that I think are important.
E. I want to make change in my city.
F. My job requires me to be involved in City Government.

G. Other: ________________________________________

When you've engaged, which of the following ways have you done so?

A. I've given public comment in a meeting.
   
   *If yes, what kind of meeting?*
   
   - Council Meeting
   - Council Work Sessions
   - Council Committee meetings
   - Task Force / Subcommittee meetings
   - Planning Commission Meetings
   - Other: _________________________

B. I've directly reached out to government representatives.
   
   *If yes, What kind of representative?*
   
   - Your District Council Member
   - Council Members that aren't your District CM
   - Mayor's Office Staff
   - City Department Staff
   - Other: _________________________
   
   *If yes, how did you reach out?*
   
   - Email
   - Phone
   - In person meetings
   - Social Media
   - Other: _________________________

C. I've engaged in direct action
   
   *If yes, what kind of direct action?*
   
   - Protests and demonstrations
   - Petitions
   - Letters to the editor or blog posts
   - Other _________________________

D. Other: _______________________________

Do you feel like your options for weighing in on city issues are adequate?

A. Yes
Do you want to be more involved with City Government?
   A. Yes
   B. No

Section Two: How do you feel about engaging with City Government?

How much of the time do you think you can trust Lexington's city government to make decisions in a fair way?
   Always   Some of the time   Not often   Never

How often do you think those decisions are what is best for Lexington?
   Always   Some of the time   Not often   Never

How well do you understand your options to participate in city government?
   Very well   Somewhat well   Barely   Not at all

How convenient are city meeting times?
   Very convenient   Somewhat convenient   Somewhat inconvenient   Very inconvenient

How convenient are city meeting locations?
   Very convenient   Somewhat convenient   Somewhat inconvenient   Very inconvenient

How seriously do you think governmental representatives take your input?
   Very seriously   Somewhat seriously   Somewhat not seriously   Not very seriously
**Section 3: How can we improve engagement?**

Which of the following options do you think would improve how the city engages with residents?

- *For the first column, please select all options that you think would generally improve engagement*
- *For the second column, please select options you would personally use*
- *For the third column, please select the one option that you think is more important*

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What (if any) other options would you like to be included?

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Section 4: Tell us about yourself!

We promise we're almost done. Can we ask you a couple of questions about yourself? We'll separate these answers from all of the other ones that you have provided.

How old are you?

_____________________________________________________

Which of the following races/ethnicities do you identify with?

Choose as many as you like

A. African-American / Black
B. Latino or Hispanic
C. Asian or Pacific Islander
D. Native-American
E. White
F. Other: ______________________

Which of the following genders do you identify with?

Choose as many as you like

A. Male
B. Female
C. Non-binary
D. Other: ______________________

What is the highest level of education that you currently hold?

A. Less than a high school degree
B. Completed high school or obtained a GED
C. Some college but no degree
D. Associate's degree
E. Bachelor's degree
F. Graduate degree

What Zip Code do you live in?

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What do you call your neighborhood?

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Do you want to give us your contact information so we can follow up?
*You must provide contact information to be entered in the sweepstakes or send a separate email to info@civiclex.org letting us know you would like to be entered in the sweepstakes.*

What is your full name?

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What is your email address?

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What is your phone number?

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Do you accept that you are providing this anonymized input/feedback to CivicLex and the City of Lexington?

A. Yes
B. No

Is there anything else about public engagement you want to share with us?

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