

Dear Councilmembers,

Please allow Cupcake to open their second location on Grand Avenue. They are a small, local business that continually supports the community and would be a perfect fit on Grand Ave. I live on Cathedral Hill and frequently walk and run along Grand Ave. When I first heard of them opening, I was ecstatic! The former Wunderlust space had been vacant for a long time and Cupcake seemed like the perfect fit for the spot. You can imagine my disappointment and anger in our government when I saw the news report that Cupcake was stopping the plans due to government pushback. How can our local economy grow without the support of our local government? Small business are the cornerstone of America, and that is very prevalent on Grand Ave. It is an area known throughout the Twin Cities for its "quaintness", fun boutiques, cafes, and much more. I cannot imagine Cupcake not fitting into this equation. Even if you set aside the fact that it is Cupcake attempting to open, the site has been vacant for a long time - why turn away any business owner who is interested in keeping the street alive?

Do the right thing tonight and support a successful, community based business by allowing them to open on Grand Ave.

Thank you,  
Maria Ward