



# GRAND AVE

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October 18, 2012

City of St. Paul  
Department of Planning and Economic Development  
1400 City Hall Annex  
25 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

To Whom It May Concern,

The Grand Avenue Business Association is a non-profit membership organization that provides marketing, advocacy, and education that help member businesses prosper and enhance the quality of life along the Avenue and surrounding community. The Lexington Restaurant has been on Grand Avenue for over 76 years and it has been a community meeting spot since it opened. In addition, the Lexington is a beacon of history for Grand Avenue and the City of St. Paul. It is a small, locally owned business that prides itself on tradition and being a positive and unique presence on the Avenue and in the community. The Lexington has built and fostered great relationships with other businesses on Grand Avenue. We cannot place a value on the Lexington's partnership and presence on Grand Avenue.

The Lexington has secured 60% of the surrounding property owners' support for its proposed and carefully-planned rooftop patio. We believe that the Lexington has done its due diligence in seeking and securing the support of the surrounding neighbors. They have had important conversations and openly answered questions about the project. The Lexington intends to improve the restaurant and create a revenue stream that would allow them to continue to stay in business. The rooftop patio is crucial to ensuring that the Lexington is able to maintain its presence on Grand Avenue.

We ask that the City of St. Paul support adding a Liquor-Outdoor Service Area (patio) license to permit the sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the rooftop at the rear of the building. The Lexington Restaurant has been a vital part of Grand Avenue and St. Paul for close to 80 years, and we hope to see them continue to thrive for years to come.

Sincerely,

Paul Dzubnar  
GABA President

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GABA Executive Director

