

Dear Mr. Stark,

I am writing to urge rejection of the proposed changes in zoning from the present statuses (B2 and BD, as I understand) to T2 at the Grand/ Fairview and Grand/Cleveland intersections. I understand that the changes are intended to encourage development of multi-unit residential buildings of 4 to 5 stories in height. Such structures are unparalleled on Grand and unwelcome inasmuch as they would oust existing businesses of great value to the neighborhood and create visual obstructions for and cast shadows on adjacent houses.

I and my family have owned and lived on Grand for nearly a century; indeed, I live there now. I believe that the addition of such massive structures as are contemplated would degrade West Grand as a neighborhood and drive many current residents away, as is happening on Lincoln Ave. adjacent to the behemoth in building at Grand and Finn.

Do not make the proposed zoning changes, I beg you.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Chris Tolbert, councilmember for ward 3