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Below is the bulk of Mr. Todd's letter regarding Grand Avenue project. I am re-sending it as is to emphasize his fervent plea to rescind this current travesty.

I am in a unique situation, having lived near Marshall and Western for several years previous to the proposed endeavor on Grand. I no longer reside in the city but am an avid fan of shopping and socializing on Grand Avenue several times a month. As a former resident and current consumer, I wonder if those who decided to bastardize the area in question have fully taken into account the ramifications of such a plan. The people who live and have lived close to Grand Avenue must be considered more important than the potential revenue to be made, correct?

It sounds absurd to have to state the obvious.

We still live, visit, shop, eat and work here. We don't want the brand of commercialism that the project dictates. It is difficult to imagine that the clarity of these facts are still falling on deaf ears. I can only implore you to re-think what you are doing to our homes, livelihoods, and established Grand Avenue venues in the name of 'progress'. For those of us who populate Grand Avenue in various ways, this project is not progress; it is an injustice to the very people who brought Grand Avenue into existence. There are places that would welcome this brand of 'progress' to be built. Grand Avenue is not one of them. Please reconsider, let the people prevail, and allow those who are committed to the Grand Avenue area to be heard.

My comments are for the #21-289-699 – 695 Grand CUP and Variances Appeal.

Attached is my letter asking you to reverse the decision by the Planning Commission and **DENY the 695 Grand CUP and Variance requests**. The CUP and variances are clearly in conflict with the explicit standards defined in the Code for placing an T3 district adjacent to an RT2 district. Allowing these developers to be exempt from the zoning laws sets a precedent that will negatively impact the livability of neighborhoods all across our City. Once other developers see that the zoning code is not being enforced, they will pursue developments that only maximize financial returns regardless of the impact to neighborhoods.

Please apply our zoning code to protect our neighborhoods and deny the 695 Grand CUP and Variance requests.

Respectfully Hopeful,
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Sent from my iPhone