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Hi, we are the owners of Wet Paint Artists' Materials and Framing located at 1684 Grand Avenue, just across Grand from the site, at Cambridge Ave. Wet Paint has been located on this block of Grand Avenue since it started in 1976 and personally we have each been living nearby and working here for over 35 years. We are also owners of the building housing our business and two others. We are writing in support of Macalester's plan for the new buildings and parking and hope that the construction can move forward as designed. We have had several opportunities to talk to representatives of the school and view and discuss the plans as they have been developed and made public. What we have seen appears to be a very attractive and thoughtful design for student living that will be a feature for the school and have a positive impact on the area and local businesses.

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