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Dear Council Members,

I write to express my concern over the proposed apartment building on the corner of Grand and Finn. I live at 2152 Lincoln Avenue.

A five story building on that corner will alter the landscape of that four block radius, creating an unsightly distortion. It is clear that the University of St. Thomas needs housing for their students. I believe that remedies which work for the neighborhood can be found. I work at Macalester College and have found that the new building near campus on Grand Avenue which houses the Pad Thai restaurant with apartments above fits well into the architecture of the area, provides a popular eating venue, and supplies housing for students. I would like to see modifications to the proposed apartment complex on Finn. A new restaurant would be welcome, however that might not be feasible for the developer. The main issue is size and density, along with parking and traffic congestion.

I believe that a compromise can be found between the developer and the neighborhood. A rejection of the proposed building will urge the developer to enter into a much needed conversation.

Thank you for your considerations,

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