

Russ,

I am writing to express my support for the moratorium on Grand Ave development. Our neighborhood needs to stay a neighborhood and not a large development targeted to foster continued expansion of St. Thomas at the expense of our quality of life. We have lived in the neighborhood since 1991 and our quality of life (and those of all our neighbors) should not be minimized. Thank you for your support.

Mary Jo Abler
2019 Fairmount Ave

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Russ,
Please vote yes for the moratorium on new development on Grand Avenue while this can be studied. Preserving neighborhood balance is critical, so let's take the time to do a careful study.

Thanks for your leadership!

Ann Garvey
2006 Fairmount

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Councilman Stark.

We are writing to you to voice our opposition to the proposed apartment building on Grand. The scale of the proposed building is too large, will exacerbate parking, and drive down property value. **We support the moratorium and want you to support it.**

Thank you.

Jeanne Scott
Steven Muenzer
1891 Fairmount Avenue

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Gladys Southward, 1858 Goodrich, 55105, 699-0442, called to say she supports the moratorium.

“We live next to St. Thomas kids and have for many, many years. They are immature and cause many problems. We would certainly hate to see a lot more housing for them

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I support the ordinance to have the Planning Commission do a zoning study on the west end of Grand Avenue and place a moratorium on certain kinds of development for a year while the zoning study is being conducted.

Tom Holm
2123 Lincoln Ave.

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Mr. Stark -

We're writing to voice our support for the moratorium on new development and the land use study of Grand Ave between Fairview and Cretin.

After looking for homes in the majority of the Minneapolis and St Paul neighborhoods, we decided to purchase a home on Lincoln Ave between Cretin and Cleveland. This neighborhood was hands down our favorite as we felt it would be the best place to begin to build our family. While we have only lived in the neighborhood for a couple weeks, we can already see how additional large scale developments on Grand Ave could jeopardize the quality and character of the neighborhood.

A couple of the specific concerns we have are around parking and scale. Parking is already an issue on Lincoln Ave, with us not always able to find parking in front of our own home. It's challenging to imagine what parking will be like once the development on the corner of Grand and Finn is complete and nearly impossible to imagine if additional large scale developments are constructed. The other concern we have is scale due to the sharp transition of single family homes into large 5 story apartment buildings. As many of the qualities that initially drew us to the neighborhood would be significantly changed by these developments, we're concerned that not only our enjoyment of the neighborhood would deteriorate, but also our property value.

Thank for taking our concerns into consideration. We look forward to working together to preserve the character and qualities of the neighborhood that attracted us and the many before us.

Brian Hartert and Lindsey Weyenberg
2129 Lincoln Ave

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September 18, 2012
Dear Council Member,

We do not support the Grand Avenue zoning study and moratorium. We have lived on Grand Avenue for a long time and have seen the neighborhood change over many times. We believe to have more students on Grand Avenue is better than spreading them over a large neighborhood area. Parents are continuing to buy homes and move their students in. They may have fewer renters than they would have had otherwise. The neighborhood may think they are better off. We do not believe the restriction on student rental units will have the outcome of saving the neighborhood. We believe that moving the students closer to campus in apartments is what will save the neighborhood.
Carole and Roger Caauwe 2142 Grand Ave.

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Dear Councilman Stark,

We have lived at 2081 Lincoln Avenue for the past thirty-seven years. We are asking for your support of the Grand Avenue Development Moratorium. The one five-story dorm style building that has already been approved for the corner of Grand and Finn, less than a block from our home, is way too big for our residential area. We have already seen good neighbors close to the development put their home up for sale.

PLEASE VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE GRAND AVENUE DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM.

Sincere thanks,

Jim and Loretta Nuessle
2081 Lincoln Avenue

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Mr. Stark

I am writing to voice my absolute support FOR the development moratorium for the west end of Grand Avenue. U of St. Thomas is turning our neighborhood into an extension of it's campus and there must be limits in place to stop the large scale development projects targeting students. It will, and already has, driven families away from the neighborhood and negatively impact our property values. We know from first hand experience. Thank you for taking my concerns into consideration.

Alice Lightner Johnson
1899 Fairmount Avenue

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Alice Lightner Johnson
1899 Fairmount Avenue

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Dear Russ Stark,

We are writing to support the Grand Ave development moratorium. We are worried about how many of these developments can possibly fit in our neighborhood. We already have issues with parking, noise, etc. We are unable to make the meeting due to childcare obligations and my spouse working a double shift on Wednesdays. Please allow us to make our voices heard through this email.

Thank you for your time and energy with this matter.

Sincerely,
Jamie and Sam Tomlin
2000 Lincoln Ave.

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Todd Johnson
1899 Fairmount Ave.

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At our board meeting last night, SARPA unanimously passed the following motion:

SARPA strongly supports the Grand Avenue zoning study and its accompanying moratorium.

Please keep us informed!

Bethany Gladhill
SARPA President

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