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Dear Councilman Stark:

I will not be able to attend the meeting on the 19th and I would like to state my opposition to the proposals being discussed at the City Council regarding the west end of Grand Ave.

We in the neighborhood would feel far more comfortable with a height limit of 35 feet (3 stories), but we support the larger size requirements for each apartment. This would help maintain the neighborhood integrity as a fine place for all to live, not just wealthy students, and presents a more subtle transition from the UST campus heights down to the local home heights.

With that same consideration, I would like to state opposition to the proposal that the commercial corners have height requirements of 55 ft. Instead, 45 feet (4 stories) is a far more neighborhood friendly height that would not obliterate the pleasant quality of life for those across the alley.

All of the considerations currently seem to favor developers. We must remember that they only build where they can achieve profit within 3 years. After that time, they no longer care about the neighborhood and have moved onto the next profit. Using their demands as our guidelines will only establish the neighborhood as transient and something to be used and then thrown out. If they insist that they cannot do something due to restrictions, it really means they are only greed-motivated. It is a clear sign that they do not really value the long-term relationships needed to make community. We cannot fall victim to their demands - after all, we did not ask them to come. They are bullies forcing themselves on us. Oddly they think we'll be happy about it even while they threaten our quality of life and home values. Please resist their aggressions.

Thank you for your time.  
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