To Saint Paul City Council,

I oppose the 695 Grand Ave rezoning, CUP and variances application for 695 Grand/Dixies.

I am a Crocus Hill homeowner, living at 769 Lincoln Ave, St Paul, for over 30 years.

This proposed structure is far too tall and overall too massive for the site and surrounding area. It will overwhelm the neighborhood, damaging the character, the charm and value of this beautiful neighborhood in St Paul.

I support the East Grand Avenue Overlay and the existing zoning codes and would ask no exception be made.

These city zoning codes were put in place specifically to protect the character of Grand Avenue.

The SHA received 480 responses opposing the proposal (10 to 1 against the proposal), and yet voted in favor of it. In addition, a petition opposing the project with 401 signatures has been presented. I was astounded that the members of the SHA would so easily ignore the significant input of their neighbors, business-owners and friends. Likewise I was stunned that the St Paul Planning Commission ignored the overwhelming response opposing this proposal.

This proposal sets an unwanted bad precedent for other future development. This neighborhood does not want a 5 story monster that ignores the City's own Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you, Carole Otte Pesek 651-341-3453 carottee@aol.com