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Subject: Opposition to the 695 development project
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I am extremely opposed to the ZF#21-269-061 695 GrandCup & variances application.
I'm Betsy Turner at 51 S. Avon St. (exactly 2 blocks away from 695 Grand), and I have lived on the SW corner of Grand & Avon for 31 years.

As I have frequently expressed, the proposed 5 story building would do irreparable damage to the nature of this historic neighborhood. Please follow the existing zoning codes and the East Grand Ave.Overlay. Exceptions should not be made for a business that is not considering the long term consequences to our existing area. Allowing this building to be built would start a domino effect, and before you know it, the charm of this place would be gone forever, and all for what-- so that a business can get its way over the rules that were established to prevent exactly this kind of development ? Don't the vast majority of the residents' wishes count for anything ?

Please consider precedent and don't overrule the existing zoning codes and the East Grand Ave. Overlay.... they were implemented for good reason and need to be respected and adhered to !!

Thanks for your consideration on this very vital matter,
Betsy Turner