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Subject: RE: 985 Grand Avenue
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Reference ZF#21-269-061 695 Grand CUP and Variances

We live five short blocks south of 695 Grand Avenue. We are **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to the new development proposal for 695 Grand Avenue. It is wildly out of character for that section of Grand Avenue. It doesn't come close to complying with the East Grand Avenue Overlay and existing zoning rules. If a variance will be issued for a project this far outside existing zoning, zoning in St Paul in general will have been rendered effectively useless and meaningless. We don't understand and have not been given any valid reason for approving a project so substantially out of compliance. Grand Avenue is currently a nationally recognized model urban commercial/ residential area. If this project is approved largely as is, this will be the next step in turning Grand into just another urban street full of high rise, cookie cutter buildings. It looks to us as though the only reason to throw the Overlay and existing zoning into the trash is (1) increased tax revenue and/or (2) the developer(s) see a lot of money for him, her, it or them and therefore really wants it to go through. **THAT SHOULD NOT BE ENOUGH IN SAINT PAUL. PLEASE - FOLLOW YOUR OWN RULES!!!!**

We are not at all opposed to a remodeling or rebuilding of the facility largely within the principles of the Overlay and current zoning rules.

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