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Dear City of St Paul officials,

I oppose the application for 695 Grand

There is a better way to add housing density at a compatible scale, to defend and increase economic diversity in housing, to support local businesses, all while maintaining the neighborhood's historic character. I oppose the proposal for 695 Grand/Dixie's massive 5-story structure with 80 market-rate rental apartments (\$1400 for an "alcove" studio + add'l \$175 for parking) and 4 businesses, it violates all existing St. Paul zoning codes for the Summit Hill Neighborhood.

There is nothing unique about this piece of land. There is no "plight of landowner" They can follow the rules the rest of us do. No variances. No rezoning.

The Zoning laws are in place to preserve the planned intentions for a place and to promote a community that all can enjoy. They should not be adjusted or interpreted arbitrarily or capriciously due the stated desires of an owner or developer.

Regards  
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