

Ord 21-31 – Paul Acito

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Subject: Please Vote NO on T3 Zoning

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Dear Council Member Tolbert,

I am a business person who has owned homes in St. Paul since moving from New York State 30+ years ago, The Grand Avenue area is special place that is the first place I bring my out of state and international friends when they visit. They remark at the easy access, relaxed pace and the **preservation of the historic charm.**

I am for development and increased density on the 695 Grand property, BUT

- (1) the density of **T3 is not appropriate** for Grand Avenue as discussed during the last City Council meeting;
- (2) based upon my discussions and some data I have seen, the majority of residents residents and businesses are **against the proposal** as evidenced by signed petitions and letters to the City.
- (3) The difference between an average and a great neighborhood design is in the details. You have the right, thoughtfully crafted zoning now and can achieve density goals without literally overshadowing the specialness of Grand Avenue. T3 Zoning will break this delicate balance unnecessarily;

St. Paul will lose its comparative advantage to areas like Stillwater and Hudson, WI that are maintaining their differentiation by enforcing existing zoning laws and not jumping on the “bandwagon” with these uninspired, clunky projects which will not weather the test of time.

Please vote NO on T3.

Kind regards,

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