

Hon. Amy Brendmoen
Council President
Ward 5 Council Representative

Dear Council Representative Brendmoen,

I wrote previously to express my opposition to the development proposal for 695 Grand Avenue in its current form. I feel very strongly about this issue. Grand Avenue does not need an over-sized, cookie-cutter-design apartment building. These buildings, with their wood-frame core, have come under significant critical scrutiny over the years as they have popped up in urban areas all over the U.S. The need for "high-density housing" does not justify the approval of this project. Grand Avenue is not some notorious example of unchecked developmental sprawl. Grand Avenue already has modestly-proportioned high-density housing reflective of the characteristic architectural development in this area. New building projects should attempt to reflect and thus help protect this existing aesthetic. When Grand Avenue loses its unique appeal, it will no longer be a destination for shoppers and other visitors. Please vote against this project in its current form.

Sincerely,

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