

Ord 21-31 – Shannon O’Toole

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Dear Councilmember Tolbert:

I write you today as a lifelong resident of the Summit Hill area, a former SHA president and board member in the early 2000s and again in 2016-18, who strives to do as much of my shopping as I can on Grand Avenue, and who understands that a healthy Grand Avenue means a healthy neighborhood. I implore you to vote against the rezoning of 695 Grand Avenue to T-3. The proposed project is too massive and T-3 zoning is not meant for single projects, or for streets that are not now and are never intended to be major transit corridors.

In addition, this project does nothing to advance the City’s affordable housing goals, and, in fact, it frustrates those goals as it will increase the pressure on existing owners of affordable housing on Grand Avenue to join the much more remunerative luxury housing market.

I support development and other design professionals have demonstrated that the three lots at 695 Grand can be developed in a way that is both remunerative to the property owner and respectful of the surrounding state and federal historic district.

Thank you, and please vote no to T-3 zoning at 695 Grand Avenue.

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