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Boston Planning & Development Agency

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RE: 1000 Boylston Street Project Notification Form (PNF)

Dear Mr. Cohen;

I have been a Back Bay resident since 1999 and am active in many civic an non-profit groups that work to maintain and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors to the neighborhood and the city. I am writing to express my **opposition** to the 1000

Boylston Street Article 80 Project Notification Form (PNF) design as proposed by Weiner Ventures LLC.

The size of the project in both **height and density** far exceeds anything envisioned for this site, as is clear from the Civic Vision for Turnpike Air Rights prepared by the BRA, and the guidelines prepared by the Citizens for Reasonable Turnpike Development and the community view for this part of the Back Bay.

I am also extremely concerned about the **shadow impact** that a development of this scale will bring to both the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and the Esplanade.

This is not an “all-or-nothing” situation. A smaller development that conforms to the Civic Vision and avoids this proposal’s lasting harmful consequences would be welcomed in the neighborhood.  Comprehensive urban planning is urgently needed in the Back Bay -- more towers are coming. Berklee College has been approved to add another tower on Massachusetts Ave. near Boylston Street as part of its Master Plan. Another tower is planned on an air rights at Mass Ave. across from the Hynes T stop. Four towers would add tremendous density and shadow to the border of our neighborhood. The Mayor has spoken publicly and repeatedly about the "new BPDA" and the increased focus on **Planning** and transparency at the agency. "It is no longer just a rubber stamp for developers". Please take the long term view and do not permit the developers to ignore the design considerations imbedded in the Civic Vision.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bordon