This letter is sent to express my OPPOSITION to the 1000 Boylston Street Article 80 Project Notification Design as proposed by Weiner.

1.  The project should not be approved until a wind study is conducted.

Winds are a serious problem in Boston.  We are one of the windiest cities in the country and during the winter months our average winds are 46% higher than the US city average. Any increase in winds will make the area not only dangerous but unattractive to pedestrians.  Not only is the building far higher than any of neighboring buildings creating the potential of wind tunnels but also the closeness of the three buildings is likely to create wind channeling.  Winds carry down straight streets such as Boylston Street and Massachusetts Ave.

2.  The building should not abut Boylston Street.

The two previous high-rises on Boylston Street ( 500 and 800 Boylston Street) were set back to allow for visible open space.  This allows for street level green spaces.  888 Boylston Street is an excellent example.  If the developer truly wants a gateway to the Fens, it is critical to have open green spaces visible from the street that can be seen by pedestrians, bike cyclists and automobiles.  Roof gardens are not visible.

3. Long shadows will make Boylston Street and Newbury Street gloomy.

Boston is an attractive city for both residents and visitors.  Open space and sun are vital to the attractiveness of the city.  We already have areas such as the sidewalks along Hynes Auditorium that are very unattractive.  We need to have smart city planning and not allow past mistakes to continue.

**Please, please do not approve this project as it currently stands.**

*In summary I believe green space, lack of wind and sun are vital to the city.  I personally contribute to The Friends of the Public Garden, The Esplanade Association, the Friends of Copley Square and the Garden Club of Back Bay.  I put my money where my mouth is.*

Thank you.

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