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Boston Planning & Development Agency

One City Hall Square

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RE: 1000 Boylston Street Project

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I am a Back Bay resident. I am writing to you to express my opposition to the 1000Boylston Street Project design proposed by Weiner. The company states that the community wants this project. However, the size in height and bulk far exceeds anything we envisioned or want for this site and for this part of the Back Bay. It is totally inappropriate for the space, does not enhance the neighborhood or fit into the scale of existing buildings, and does not provide any, much needed green space at the ground level.

The taller of two proposed towers approaches the height of the Hancock and nearly equals that of the Prudential.  At various times of the year, it will cast new shadow completely across the neighborhood, the Commonwealth Ave. Mall, the Esplanade and all the way into the Charles River. We are concerned that the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and the Esplanade remain at least as sunny as the design in the 2013 Weiner Samuels RFP submission. These precious public spaces, both of which are supported by substantial private donations and investments of volunteer time and effort to maintain and improve them, are enjoyed year round by large and sometimes very large (e.g. July 4thfestivities) numbers of neighborhood residents and many visitors

As a voting citizen and member of the Garden Club of Back Bay I ask that you require additional studies to complete evaluating the environmental impact reports for the proposed project or else that you request now that the proposal be greatly amended.  Please take the long term view and do not permit the developers to ignore the design considerations imbedded in the Civic Vision and the widespread concerns of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Diane Schmalensee