March 11, 2017

Phil Cohen, Project Manager

Boston Planning & Development Agency

One City Hall Square

Boston, MA 02201

RE: 1000 Boylston Street Project Notification Form (PNF)

Dear Mr. Cohen;

As a Back Bay resident, I oppose the 1000 Boylston Street Article 80 Project Notification Form (PNF) design proposed by Weiner. As part of the Back Bay and Boston community I am concerned that the proposal does not meet the Civic Vision. It is inappropriate for the space, does not in any way enhance the neighborhood or fit into the scale of existing buildings, nor does it provide any, much needed green space at the ground level.

Regarding the required Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR), the community needs the preparation of additional studies complete with environmental impact reports.

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 need the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and the Esplanade to remain sunny – at least to the levels of the design in the 2013 Weiner Samuels RFP submission. These are precious public spaces. They are supported by substantial private donations and investments of volunteer time in effort to maintain and improve them and are enjoyed year round by large and sometimes very large (e.g. July 4thfestivities) numbers of neighborhood residents and many visitors.

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 our unique neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Dr. Esther I. Weissman