**To:** Phil Cohen <[Phil.Cohen@boston.gov](mailto:Phil.Cohen@boston.gov)>

**Re:** 1000 Boylston Street Project Notification Form (PNF)

Dear Mr. Cohen,

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Janet Roche and I have lived in the Back Bay since 1994. I am active within my community, the NABB (Green committee), and Mother’s Out Front.  I have my masters degree in Design for Human Health. I currently teach Environmental Health as well as the upcoming Biophilia, Universal Design, and Urban Sociological Design classes for the Boston Architectural College.

I am concerned with the overall design of 1000 Boylston Street. I must first say, I am not against the project as a whole, and I completely appreciate any further progression in that area which is in dire need of modernizing and redesign. However,  I have deep concerns with the design of the current design of the building and how it will impact the area, and my community.

I recognize that area is currently deeply flawed due to wind and pollution from the highway running underneath as well as older and crumbling buildings and infrastructure with little, to no, consideration for ADA access. Your current design for 1000 Boylston, appears to have very little design considerations for dealing with helping resolve these issues, but intact produce more issues under a shiny facade. Massive shadows (urban canyon), lack of pedestrian walkways and outdoor spaces (this is Boston and we are know for our walking and our parks), or any energy plan design are a few of the design flaws that will be harmful for the area.

Since there seems to be a lack of neighborhood understanding, residential desires, or even current conditions (are you aware of our crumbling infrastructure that is causing hundreds of methane leaks)  that would all continue to decline with the current design You should consider a redesign.

I have a few ideas for you to think about.  A. Have you considered reaching out to local design schools? It should be no surprise that the Boston Architectural College, which will be directly effected by this change, would be interested in this project.  B. Or, look at 888 Boylston Street for green and healthier options for design. C. Or lastly, look for WELL designers to help you with addressing these concerns. D. Or do all the above.

While there is probably no pleasing everyone, you could improve the design to take these concerns into consideration, do a redesign for well considered building that takes into consideration of the health, environment, and neighborhood, of a community.

Thank you for your time,

Janet Roche, MDS