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Mr. Phil Cohen, Project Manager <Phil.Cohen@boston.gov>

Boston Planning & Development Agency

One City Hall Square

Boston, MA 02201

RE: 1000 Boylston Street Project Notification Form (PNF)

Dear Mr. Cohen;

I am a Back Bay resident and I wanted to let you know that I am not in favor of the design of 1000 Boylston Street Article 80 Project as presently proposed by Weiner. My understanding, as well, is that many in our community oppose this project. In particular, the height and mass of the current proposal far exceeds previous plans envisioned for this site, as is clear from the Civic Vision for Turnpike Air Rights prepared by the BRA and guidelines prepared by the Citizens for Reasonable Turnpike Development and the community view for this part of the Back Bay.

Regarding the required Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR), preparation of additional studies complete with environmental impact reports would be useful for the following alternatives:

* A design based on the Weiner Samuels submission to MassDOT in 2013, which is the design the CAC reviewed when recommending the Samuels Weiner team for Parcels 12 & 15. In this design the Prudential site is undeveloped, except for a low scale building or a park;
* A design that meets the underlying zoning (no PDA) and does not request the City to cede air rights over streets or sidewalks; and
* A proposal that the Commonwealth Avenue Mall and the Esplanade remain at least as sunny as the design in the 2013 Weiner Samuels RFP submission.

We urge the Boston Planning and Development Agency to consider the long-term impact a project of this scale will have on all of the city’s neighborhoods, in terms of maintaining its livability for all residents and its character which attracts so many visitors. It is vitally important to develop the city with a consistent overall plan and vision, and, not permit developers to ignore the design considerations embedded in the Civic Vision.

Very truly yours,

Patricia Corrigan