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Phil Cohen, Project Manager

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RE: 1000 Boylston Street Project Notification Form (Article 80 PNF)

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I am a Back Bay resident writing to you to express my opposition to the 1000 Boylston Street design proposed by Weiner Ventures in the Article 80 Project Notification Form (PNF).

The proposed height and bulk far exceed the 2013 Weiner / Samuels design that was submitted at the time of developer selection.  Also, it violates appropriate parameters for this site as expressed in the “Civic Vision for Turnpike Air Rights” prepared by the BRA and the proposal neglects guidelines prepared by the Citizens for Reasonable Turnpike Development.  It is inappropriate for the location, fails to enhance the neighborhood, does not reflect the scale of existing buildings, nor does it provide much needed green space at the sidewalk level.  It will cast damaging new shadows across the Back Bay residential neighborhood, the Commonwealth Avenue Mall Park, the Charles River Esplanade, into the Charles River and into the Fens / Muddy River open space.

In my view, the present form of the proposal requires significant redesign and preparation of the required Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR).

Very truly yours,

Tim Ian Mitchell