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Dear Members of the Select Board

The Mystic Tower Condominium Trust is the governing board for our 47 unit building, located at 47 Mystic Street in Arlington, Massachusetts. The Board of Trustees for the Trust is elected by, and represents, the unit owners in our building.

The entrance and exit for our building is on Chestnut Terrace, at the rear of our building. To leave our complex, we must enter Chestnut Street from Chestnut Terrace. This is becoming more and more difficult, as gridlocked traffic on Chestnut Street has extended far beyond the normal rush hour. The new timing of the traffic signals at Chestnut Street and Mystic Street, as part of the Arlington Center Save Travel Project has resulted in longer backups on Chestnut Street. Traffic is now regularly blocking our ability to exit from Chestnut Terrace, or make a left turn from eastbound Chestnut Street into Chestnut Terrace.

The federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) prescribes the use of the DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign (R10-7) for the avoidance of traffic obstructions. In addition, the MUTCD, Section 3B.17 states that:

Do Not Block Intersection markings may be used to mark the edges of an intersection area that is in close proximity to a signalized intersection, railroad crossing, or other nearby traffic control that might cause vehicles to stop within the intersection and impede other traffic entering the intersection.

Clearly, the close proximity to the signalized intersection of Mystic Street and Chestnut Street, as well as traffic backed up from the signalized intersection of Medford Street and Warren Street, is causing congestion in which vehicles stop within the intersection and impede other traffic entering the intersection to and from Chestnut Terrace. This warrants the use of traffic control signage and pavement markings described in the MUTCD.

Therefore, on 04-29-2019 the Board of Directors of the Mystic Tower Condominium Trust voted unanimously to request the Select Board to install DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION (R10-7) signs on both the eastbound and westbound approach to the intersection of Chestnut Terrace and Chestnut Street. In addition, we request the use of the Do Not Block Intersection pavement markings described in the MUTCD.

We look forward to your prompt and positive response.

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