



# BUNKER HILL TOWER

CONDOMINIUMS

September 27, 2019

**Re: Property Ingress and Egress Difficulties at 800 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street**

To Whom it May Concern:

The Board of Directors of the Bunker Hill Tower Condominium Association has been approached by several residents and staff regarding difficulty entering or exiting the property during busy traffic via the only access driveways to the property, which are located on West 1<sup>st</sup> Street. This problem impacts approximately 1,000 residents of the three properties which share the driveways along with the property staff and residential guests, as well as 35 commercial tenants and their patrons. The following issues have been raised:

- Marked “Keep Clear” zones are not adhered to, resulting in vehicles blocking the eastbound lanes and all ingress and egress from the property’s driveways.
  - Residents of Bunker Hill Tower and the neighboring buildings, Promenade West (880 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street) and The Promenade (121 Hope Street), as well as commercial patrons for the businesses located at 121 Hope Street (700-720 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street) are blocked from accessing the driveways from westbound lanes by vehicles blocking the “Keep Clear” zones.
  - Transit buses are one of the most common vehicles stopping in the marked “Keep Clear” zones.
  - Exiting the property to go westbound is difficult and often involves the necessity of dangerously threading through traffic stopped at various intervals in the “Keep Clear” zone.
  - Exiting the property to go eastbound is equally as difficult and often necessitates entering the bicycle lane and forcing into traffic lanes.
- Vehicles often travel in the bicycle lane eastbound on West 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Beaudry to Hope Street to avoid backed-up traffic. This is a safety concern for drivers turning left into the driveways from westbound lanes. These vehicles, often travelling at higher speeds, cannot be seen by those wishing to enter the driveways until they are in the driveway entrance, potentially resulting in accidents.



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- Residents with north-facing windows have reported seeing many accidents and near-accidents in the “Keep Clear” zones.
- Ongoing development in Downtown Los Angeles is increasing the amount of traffic traveling on West 1<sup>st</sup> Street, which in turn leads to longer wait times to be able to enter or exit the driveways of the property. Residents and staff have reported waiting up to 15 minutes in order to safely exit the driveways.

The Board of Directors of Bunker Hill Tower Condominium Association requests that the Department of Transportation take action to ensure the safety of the residents, staff, and commercial patrons of the properties serviced exclusively by these driveways.

Thank you for your consideration and prompt action.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors  
Bunker Hill Tower Condominium Association