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## Queens Community Board 11

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**Christine L. Haider** Chairperson / **Susan Seinfeld** District Manager

### COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Board Members  
FROM: Christine Haider & Ocelia Claro, Co-Chairs  
North Bayside/East Flushing Zoning Committee  
RE: BSA Cal. No. 716-82-BZ  
Staples - 209-30 Northern Blvd.  
DATE: January 22, 2016

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On January 20, 2016, the North Bayside/East Flushing Zoning Committee met to discuss the above-referenced BSA application. Present were Board Members, Christine Haider, Board Chair, Ocelia Claro, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Laura James 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Eileen Miller, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair, Henry Euler, Christina Scherer, Mary Donahue and George Mihaltses. Also present were Susan Seinfeld, District Manager, Adam Rothkrug, the applicant's attorney and Jeong-Ah Choi from the Borough President's office.

Since 1991, Staples has had a variance for a retail store and accessory parking at the rear. The lot is zoned C2-2 overlay in an R6B and R4 zone. (It was previously an auto sales showroom and repair shop.) In 2003, the variance was extended for ten years, expiring in June of 2013. The application proposes to extend the variance for a ten year term. There was a delay in filing due to administration changes and the retirement of the attorney handling this matter.

There are no changes proposed. Discussion ensued and committee members asked for improvements in the parking lot. It was requested that two handicap parking spots be moved and that better directional arrows be drawn. Ms. Seinfeld stated that the management must maintain the rear sidewalk and that it be clear of debris and snow.

A motion was made by Henry Euler to accept the application with the conditions noted, Eileen Miller seconded the motion and the committee passed it unanimously.