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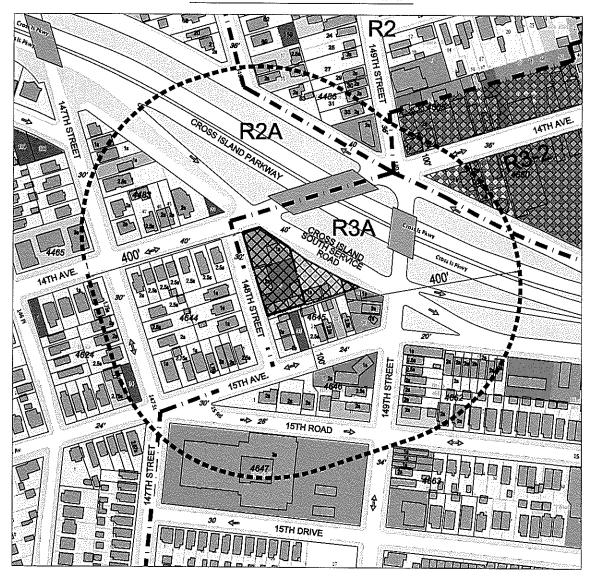
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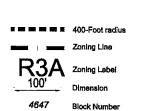
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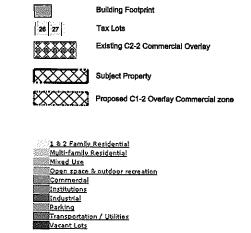




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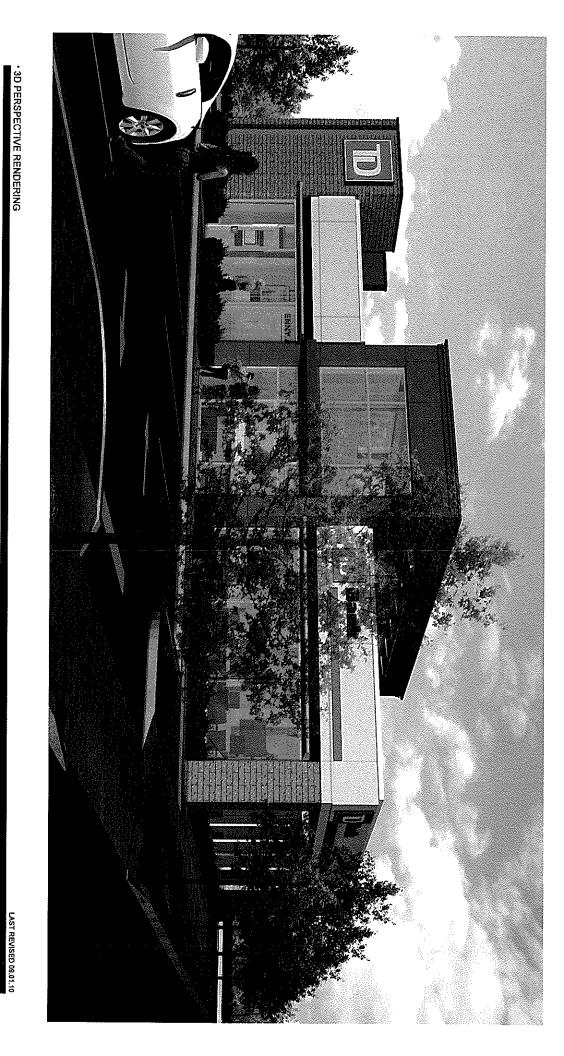
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Dear Council Member Weprin:

I am strongly opposed to the proposed rezoning application of the current Whitestone Lumber Yard for the development of a TD Bank branch and adjacent properties along the Cross Island Parkway to be rezoned with a C1-2 commercial overlay on top of the current R3A residential zone for the following reasons:

- 1) TD Bank initially came to my office in 2009 with a variance request, which I believed was an appropriate way of proceeding with this proposal. At some point, the proposed variance was dropped in favor of pursuing a rezoning without any further discussion with my office or the Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association until after the proposal was certified at the Department of City Planning.
- 2) Similar to the recent rezoning application that I opposed at 154th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues where the former White House restaurant is located, I believe that a variance is the appropriate mechanism to both allow development on a particular site without negatively impacting a larger low-density area. The Greater Whitestone Taxpayers Civic Association spent many hard years of work getting their contextual rezoning approved for their neighborhood. This kind of proposal unravels the protection that the Whitestone rezoning created in the first place, and, like the White House rezoning, sets a precedent for this to happen again and again.
- 3) Additionally, TD Bank will not actually ever own the Whitestone Lumber Yard property, only lease it. I am actually quite surprised as to how TD Bank is the applicant in the first place, due to this arrangement. Having met with TD Bank representatives in my office, I asked what would happen should TD Bank get bought out and the branch closed. The response from TD Bank was simple: it is possible that the owner (which will remain the current owner of Whitestone Lumber) could develop a strip mall on the site. This is definitely not what the community wants, as there are enough strip malls on the other side of the Cross Island Parkway in Whitestone Village that were built as-of-right. There is definitely not a need for that as-of-right ability at this site.
- 4) The current auto repair shop at Lot 3 is governed by a variance which expires in 2011. Why would we want to create an asof-right situation on a commercial property that is already subject to a variance process that protects and informs the community as to what limits the current business is allowed to operate under?

In summary, I oppose the rezoning of Block 4645, Lots 1, 37, 3 and 22. I strongly urge the Zoning and Franchises Committee of the City Council to disapprove this application.

Sincerely,

Tony Avella State Senator 11th Senatorial District

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