



December 28th, 2023

NYC Board of Standards and Appeals
22 Reade Street, Main Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear NYC Board of Standards and Appeals,

At its regularly scheduled General Board Meeting held remotely and in-person, on Thursday, December 21st, 2023. Manhattan Community Board No. 9 passed the following resolution re: **547-551 West 133rd Street; BSA Variance** by unanimous consent with 28 members present.

Whereas the Community Board 9 must render recommendation of all variance requests, and

Whereas the firm of Seyfarth Shaw LLP, on behalf of the owners of 547-551 West 133rd Street, Trustees of Columbia University in the city of New York, filed an application on August 16, 2023 with the Board of Standards and Appeals, and

Whereas said application seeks an amendment to reopen and extend the term, for an additional ten years, of a variance granted in 1926, subsequently approved again in 1953, 1999 and 2002, and 2009 by the Board of Standards and Appeal for the property located at 547-551 West 133rd Street, and

Whereas an inspection in 2009 by the Board of Standards and Appeals of the current use of the property established that the premises is developed and operated in substantial compliance with the Board of Standards & Appeals approved plans and terms of the 1999 Resolution, and

Whereas such resolution permitted the operation of an automobile repair shop and parking for cars awaiting service on the ground floors and a Use Group 16B automobile repair shop with welding, body and fender work, with incidental painting on the second floor of the premises, and

Whereas the owners of said businesses have sworn in affidavit that they do not allow storage of vehicles, employee or customer parking or double-parking on the street or sidewalk outside premises excepting limited brief periods when awaiting to be driven to the second floor for servicing, and



Whereas the owners have committed to post notices in vehicle windows indicating when they are temporarily parked outside premises awaiting services and with full contact information of business, and

Whereas the owners will continue to present no negative impact on the character of the neighborhood,

Now therefore be it resolved that Community Board 9 recommends to the Boards of Standard and Appeals that the request of a ten-year extension of the variance be granted for the current uses of the property known as 547-551 West 133rd Street, Block # 1987, Lot # 9 in the Borough of Manhattan.

If you have any questions and/or further information is needed, please do not hesitate contacting me or District Manager, Eutha Prince, at the board office (212) 864-6200. Sincerely,

Victor Edwards

Chair

cc:

Hon. Eric Adams, Mayor

Hon. Brad Lander, NYC Comptroller

Hon. Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President

Hon. Cordell Cleare, New York State Senate

Hon. Daniel J. O'Donnell, Assembly Member

Hon. Inez Dickens, Assembly Member

Hon. Al Taylor, Assembly Member

Hon. Shaun Abreu, City Council Member

Hon. Kristin Richardson-Jordan, City Council Member

Mr. Neil Weisbard (Seyfarth Shaw LLP)