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## Re Improving Public Access to Planning Case Summary and Documents Database

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The Neighborhood Council of Westchester Playa has voted to support a Motion to request the LA Department of Planning improve its stakeholder SEARCH functionality by adding the ability to search for Planning cases *by Council District number* in the Planning Department Case Summary and Documents database. (<http://planning.lacity.org/pdiscaseinfo#>)

Context for this motion: Our Neighborhood Council encourages strong public participation in planning our community's built environment. Development activities have increased in our Neighborhood Council geography. Likewise, stakeholder interest in reviewing Planning case documents has also increased.

Stakeholders interested in researching Planning case documentation report—with frustration—they must know the Case # *prior* to conducting a Planning database search. Without subscribing to the Department's Early Notification Report, it is not easy for the average NCWP stakeholder to confirm a Planning Case file # in order to search the record on an individual case.


It would be far easier to conduct ad hoc local Planning Case research with the ability to search cases by Council District Number—a data field already associated with every Case file that (presumably) could be made a searchable field with modest interface programming.

Illustration of the requested change is attached.

Sincerely,

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## Department of City Planning Case Summary & Documents

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