

MOTION FOR EACH ASSN TO ENDORSE: -From Cross Town Coalition

CCRA requests that the “search by name” function be restored to the City’s OPA website. Its elimination prevents citizens from being able to easily assess the civic profiles of landowners from public records – i.e. whether particular owners are compliant with regulations pertaining to zoning, L and I, taxation, liquor licensing etc.

Re Elimination of owner searches on OPA Website—Draft Letter from CTC

At a November 30 meeting of our Delegates, the Crosstown Coalition voted to send this inquiry as to why the search by name function was eliminated from the OPA website. This is a change that prevents our members and their constituents from being able to easily assess the civic profiles of landowners from public records – i.e. whether particular owners are compliant with regulations pertaining to zoning, Licenses and Inspection, taxation, liquor licensing etc.

The OPA website states this function was deleted “due to privacy concerns”. This statement raises the question as to whether a decision was made to place the interests of owners listed within these public records above the interests of the citizens/taxpayers who have funded the assembly of this data.

Please let us hear your thoughts on the rationale for this decision within the next two weeks. If this time frame is not workable please suggest an alternate date.