

## HUGH NGUYEN CLERK-RECORDER

## **NEWS RELEASE**

BIRTH AND DEATH RECORDS
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## CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT TO RESUME DOCUMENT RECORDING SERVICES AT BRANCH OFFICES AND PROVIDE MARRIAGE SERVICES TO WALK-IN CUSTOMERS

Effective April 1, 2021, Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen is pleased to announce the following service updates to the department's document recording and marriage services:

- Document recording services will resume at the department's branch offices in Anaheim and Laguna Hills. Please note that document recording services open at 9:00 a.m., close from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch, and close at 4:00 p.m. at the department's branch offices.
- Marriage services will be available to walk-in customers at the department's branch offices in Anaheim, Laguna Hills and at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana. Services will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the branch offices and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana.

Customers **MUST** complete an online marriage application at **OCRecorder.com** prior to visiting any office location. An appointment is highly recommended and can also be made online. Passport services will not be available at any of the department's locations until further notice. The department will be implementing social distancing guidelines and steps recommended by local and state health authorities at all locations.

"With the implementation of these service updates, our offices will be back to normal operations for the first time since the start of mandated office closures last year," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. "I am excited to be able to offer our customers the services they need at a convenient location near them. I would like to thank my staff for all their hard work and for serving the residents of our County during these difficult times."

The following restrictions will be in place for customers wishing to record real property documents at any of our available locations:

- Only one customer may enter the office per transaction.
- Each transaction is limited to a maximum of three documents.
- Payment can be made by cash, credit/debit card, check, cashier's check, and/or money order. Make checks and money orders payable to the Orange County Clerk-Recorder.

The following restriction will be in place for customers looking to obtain a marriage license and/or a marriage ceremony:

- Couples must complete their marriage application online at OCRecorder.com prior to visiting our offices.
- For couples looking to obtain a marriage license, only the couple can be present. No guests allowed.
- For couples looking to obtain a public marriage license and have a ceremony performed, only the couple and one witness may be present. **No guests allowed.**

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NORTH COUNTY BRANCH OFFICE WELLS FARGO BUILDING 222 S. HARBOR BLVD., STE 110 ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92805 ORANGE COUNTY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION SOUTH
601 N. ROSS STREET
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

OLD ORANGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 211 W. SANTA ANA BLVD. ROOM 201 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701 SOUTH COUNTY BRANCH OFFICE LAGUNA HILLS CIVIC CENTER 24031 EL TORO ROAD, SUITE 150 LAGUNA HILLS, CALIFORNIA 92653

- For couples looking to obtain a confidential marriage license and have a ceremony, only the couple can be present. **No guests allowed.**
- Couples must present valid government issued photo identification at their appointment.
- Payment can be made by cash, credit/debit card, check, cashier's check, and/or money order. Make checks and money orders payable to the Orange County Clerk-Recorder.

For more information on the services offered by the department or to learn what services are available at each office location, please visit us at **OCRecorder.com** or call the department's information line at (714) 834-2500, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays.

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