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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Orange County Clerk-Recorder Now Hosting Virtual Guests in Ceremony Rooms

Have you checked your e-mail or text messages? Someone is getting married, and you're invited! Can't make it? No problem! Starting Saturday, October 21, 2023, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen is making it possible for families and friends to join couples during their marriage ceremony online. Couples visiting the department's North County branch office in Anaheim will now have the option to live stream their marriage ceremony and invite their family and friends via Zoom. Friends and family members will be able to join from anywhere using their electronic devices after receiving a secure Zoom link to the ceremony from the couple. This is a pilot program, so this service will only be available at the department's North County branch office located at 222 S. Harbor Blvd., Ste. 110A in Anaheim, CA 92805. For more information or details, please call the department's information line at (714) 834-2500 or visit us at OCRecorder.com.

"I am excited and looking forward to offering this option to couples," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. "Zoom makes it easier for couples to plan their special day without having to worry that someone is being left out because a loved one can't travel or simply can't make it to the ceremony for a variety of reasons."

Once a couple completes the marriage license process, department staff will ask the couple if they wish to live stream their ceremony. If they do, a password protected link will be given to the couple to share with whomever they wish to invite via e-mail or text message. Those invited to the private live stream feed must have an internet connection and the Zoom app downloaded on their device. There is no additional cost to the couple for this service, however, guests should check with their internet or cellular providers for data rates and charges they may incur by joining the live feed. The live feed is private and will not be recorded, so once the ceremony is completed, the department will not be able to retrieve the feed.

There are a few advantages to live streaming a ceremony on Zoom. First, family and friends from near and far away can be part of the ceremony. This is a great option for those who can't travel because of health concerns or physical limitations. Second, couples can get married and share the moment live with anyone from anywhere in the world and to as many people as they wish. Finally, Zoom is incredibly user friendly, all anyone needs is an internet connection, a device with the Zoom app installed and a link sent out by the couple to join.

For more detailed information, please call the department's information line at (714) 834-2500 or visit **OCRecorder.com**. The information line is available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except holidays.

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