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Thank you for your interest in the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department's newsletter. We will be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news, information and events affecting the department. I am honored and privileged to serve as your county clerk-recorder. Please contact my office at (714) 834-2500 or visit [www.ocrecorder.com](http://www.ocrecorder.com) for more information about the department or the services provided to the public.

Sincerely,  
Hugh Nguyen  
County Clerk-Recorder



Our marriage and passport services office inside the Old County Courthouse is open during our once-a-month Saturday openings.

### SATURDAY HOURS PLANNED FOR MAY 21

The Clerk-Recorder Department will once again open its doors to the public on May 21, 2016 for its once-a-month Saturday hours.

The department's branch offices in Fullerton, Laguna Hills and the Old County Courthouse will be open from 10 am to 3 pm. Customers will be able to obtain marriage licenses, have marriage ceremonies performed, submit passport applications and obtain vital and official records.

The Orange County Archives will also be open from 10 am to 3 pm. The Archives are located in the basement of the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana.

For more information about our Saturday hours, please visit us at:

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### ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER TO AUTOMATE INDEXING AND REDACTION OF REAL PROPERTY RECORDINGS

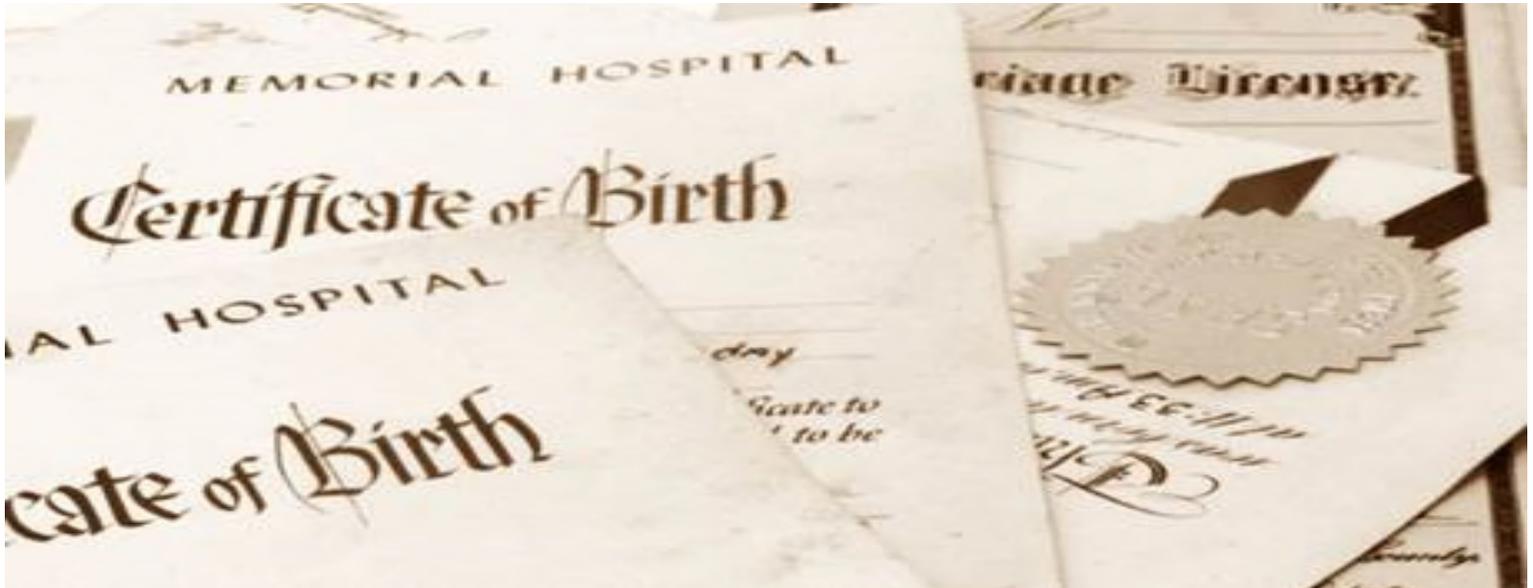
This past April, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen took the first step towards implementing software that will automatically index and redact real property documents submitted for recording to his offices. This will make real property records available to the public for review one day after being submitted and recorded.

The Orange County Board of Supervisors approved the contract during its regular meeting allowing Clerk-Recorder Nguyen to proceed with the implementation of auto-indexing and redaction software. The software will eliminate the need for county staff to manually index real property information into the department's Grantor/Grantee Index.

To read more click [here](#).

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### CLERK-RECORDER EXPEDITES AVAILABILITY OF BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES TO THE PUBLIC



Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen would like to announce that his office can now offer certified copies of birth and death certificates to the public 30 days after the life event. Certificates needed within the first 30 days of an event can be obtained from the Health Care Agency.

Previously, copies of birth and death certificates were made available to the public at the Clerk-Recorder Department 60 days or more after an event. Individuals looking to obtain a record any sooner had to visit the Health Care Agency's Birth and Death Registration location in Santa Ana.

To read more click [here](#).



Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen (far right) with staff at Celebrate Ladera.

## CLERK-RECORDER REACHES OUT TO LADERA RANCH AT COMMUNITY EVENT

On Saturday, April 30, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen joined the Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors Lisa Bartlett, 5th District, at Celebrate Ladera. The event was a combined outreach effort between the County of Orange and Ladera Ranch Community Services.

Clerk-Recorder Nguyen hosted a booth where department staff highlighted the services offered by the department and its South County branch office in Laguna Hills. Department staff informed attendees of the department's full passport services available to them as well as the other services available at the South County location.



## CLERK-RECORDER ATTENDS 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENTS COMMEMORATING THE FALL OF SAIGON

Last April 23, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen was a guest at several events commemorating the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. He was given the opportunity to share his experience as a young refugee child and his journey to America.

Clerk-Recorder Nguyen expressed his gratitude to this country for the opportunities it has afforded those who were forced to leave Vietnam. He also shared his success story on being elected the first Vietnamese Clerk-Recorder in the U.S.A. He also took the opportunity to raise awareness of Vietnam War era photos and documents available at the Orange County Archives.

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen also participated in a panel discussion "Sowing Seeds of Peace, Justice and Success" which was held at the Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace in San Diego. He is also featured in **Justice, Peace and Success: The Vietnamese American Experience** where he shares his experiences and thoughts about the fall of Saigon.

To view the video click [here](#). (view using Google Chrome browser)

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen with U.S. Army Captain James Vanthach.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Each Month, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen recognizes an employee who goes above and beyond their normal duties and offers excellent service to our customers. Clerk-Recorder Nguyen is pleased to announce Joey Abueg as Employee of the Month for April 2016.

Joey has taken on many vital projects in the last few months. He gladly took on the VOIP phone conversion project and worked closely with the vendor to resolve technical issues promptly. While managing his daily tasks and duties, he also assisted with the implementation of our IT Unit's Help Desk Support Ticket System. To date, over 1000 tickets have been opened of which 500 tickets were resolved by Joey.

Joey has demonstrated his ability for multi-tasking, tackling obstacles, collaborating and working well with others. His professionalism and patience while assisting end-users and his co-workers is well noticed and highly appreciated by all. Joey is a team player and does not hesitate to help when needed.

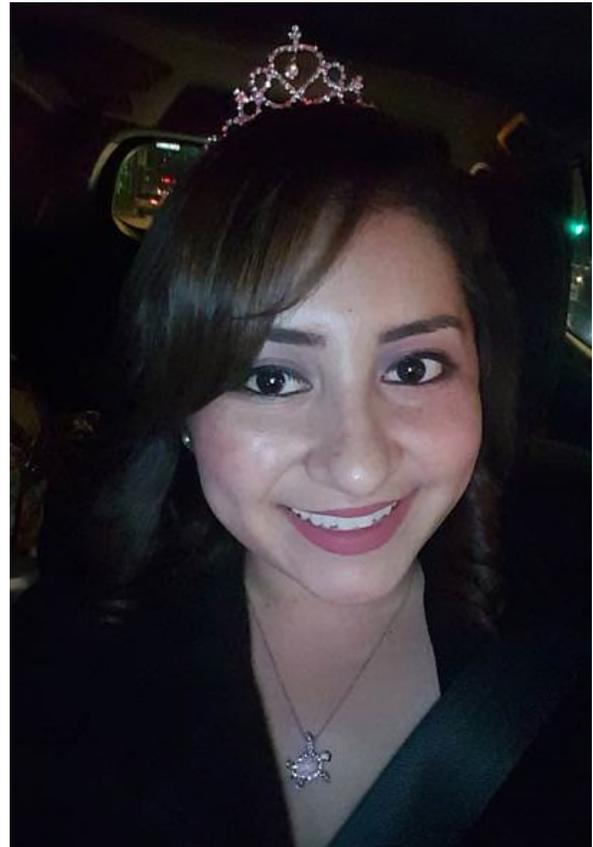
Please join the department in congratulating Joey on his achievement! We appreciate his hard work!!

## SHARED MOMENTS

This section is dedicated for our staff members to share special moments with their families.



Imaging Unit Supervisor Phyllis Johnson shared this moment of her grandchildren having some Easter fun. (From left to right: Madyson, Jerzyn and Makayla)



Admin Support Unit's Jennifer Carreon celebrated her birthday with friends



On April 27, 2003, a Vietnam War memorial was unveiled at Sid Goldstein Freedom Park in Westminister.

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| <b>April 01, 1966</b> | Orange County experienced its first smog alert.  |
| <b>April 08, 1909</b> | Actress Helena Modjeska died at her home on Bay Island in Newport Beach.   |
| <b>April 09, 1964</b> | The California Angels announced they were moving to Anaheim.   |
| <b>April 15, 1983</b> | Donald Bren purchased a controlling interest in the Irvine Co. for about \$400 million.                                    |
| <b>March 19, 1961</b> | The town of San Juan Capistrano became a city.   |
| <b>April 20, 1972</b> | Apollo 16 landed on the moon. The rockets and some other components that got it there had been assembled in Orange County. |

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*Historical facts provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.*

*Historical photo courtesy of the Orange County Archives*

## OUT AND ABOUT

This section will feature photos taken by department employees while they were out and about to help close our newsletter on a good visual note.



**David Cabrera from our Admin. Support Unit took this shot of Lake Elsinore from the Ortega Highway while on a Sunday drive with his daughter.**

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