Thank you for your interest in the newsletter for the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department. We’ll be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news and information regarding the department. I am honored and privileged to serve as your County Clerk-Recorder.

Please contact my office by phone at (714) 834-2500 or visit us at www.ocrecorder.com for more information.

Sincerely,
Hugh Nguyen
County Clerk-Recorder

DEMAND FOR PASSPORT SERVICES AT CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO SURGE

The Clerk-Recorder Department experienced a 128% increase in the number of passport applications accepted by the department’s passport units between calendar years 2013 and 2015. In 2013, the department accepted 2,807 passport applications, 3,085 passport applications in 2014 and 6,391 passport applications in 2015.

To read more, click here.
NEWS AND UPDATES

SATURDAY HOURS PLANNED FOR MARCH 19

The Clerk-Recorder Department will once again open its doors to the public on March 19, 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, purchase passport photos 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 click here.

CLERK-RECORDER SPEAKS AT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HISPANIC REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONALS EVENT

February 25 - Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen was a guest speaker at the Networking and Educational Event and Panel hosted by the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals (NAHREP) Orange County.

The event was held at the Resort at Pelican Bay in Newport Beach. Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen highlighted his department’s services and locations. He would like to thank the NAHREP for the invitation and the opportunity to speak at the event.

To learn more about the department’s services, please visit us at: www.ocrecorder.com.
CLERK-RECORDER RECEIVES BOARD RESOLUTION

On February 9, the Orange County Board of Supervisors presented Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen with a resolution in honor of being named as one of Orange County’s 100 Most Influential individuals for 2015 by the Orange County Register. Upon his acceptance, Clerk-Recorder Nguyen said that the resolution is recognition of all the work his staff has done. He also thanked his staff for doing such a great job in serving the residents of Orange County.

To watch a video of the presentation, visit our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/ocrecorder

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Each month, the department recognizes employees who go above and beyond their normal duties and offer excellent service to our customers. This month, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen is happy to announce that Matthew Tran has been selected to be Employee of the Month for February 2016.

Matthew has become a valuable asset to the department's I.T. Team. He demonstrates his exemplary technical skills while performing his day to day duties and tasks. He recently took the lead in implementing the new help desk ticketing system and worked diligently in implementing the new system. His contribution is already making a difference in the department.

Please join the department in congratulating Matthew on his achievement!
This section is dedicated for our staff members and their families to share how they celebrated Valentine’s Day.

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen would like to thank all staff members who volunteered to serve the public on this year’s Valentine’s Day which was on a Sunday. Many customers appreciated that we were open on this special day to make their nuptials even more memorable.

February 02, 1848  Orange County, along with the rest of California, was ceded to the United States by Mexico in the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo.

February 09, 1990  The tanker American Trader spilled 400,000 gallons of oil off the coast of Huntington Beach.

February 10, 1941  The Santa Ana Register reported that the first 88 Orange County men had been drafted into military service for World War II.

February 23, 1917  The City of Brea incorporated with a population of 732.

February 24, 1857  A group of German immigrants met in San Francisco to form the Los Angeles Vineyard Society, which would later found the community of Anaheim.

This section brought to you courtesy of the Orange County Archives, a function under the Office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. Historical facts and photo provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

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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.

Staff Member Daniela Rivera, from our Marriages Unit, captured this shot on her way to Klamath Falls, Oregon.

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