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Celebrating Love Knows No Distance: **Orange County Clerk-Recorder Allows Couples to Invite Civil Ceremony Guests Virtually**

Orange County Clerk-Recorder is bringing together loved ones from all over the world to share in the joy of couples' marriage ceremonies. Starting Saturday, December 16, 2023, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen is making it possible for couples at our South County branch office in Laguna Hills to privately live stream their marriage ceremony and invite their family and friends via Zoom. Those invited will be able to view the marriage ceremony from anywhere using their electronic devices after receiving a secure Zoom link to the ceremony from the couple. This live stream option is already a success at our North County Branch Office in Anaheim and will be expanded to our South County branch office located at 24031 El Toro Road, Suite 160 Laguna Hills, CA 92653. For more information or details, please call the department's information line at (714) 834-2500 or visit us at OCRecorder.com.

"Our live stream option is a wonderful way for couples to invite loved ones from anywhere in the world to join their marriage ceremony in real time," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. "I am excited to expand this service to our South County branch office to create unforgettable moments for couples and those dearest to them, regardless of the physical distance."

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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