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## WELCOME

Newsletter - February 2021

*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 us at [ocreorder.com](http://ocreorder.com) for more information about the department and the services provided to the public.*

*Sincerely,*

*Hugh Nguyen  
County Clerk-Recorder*

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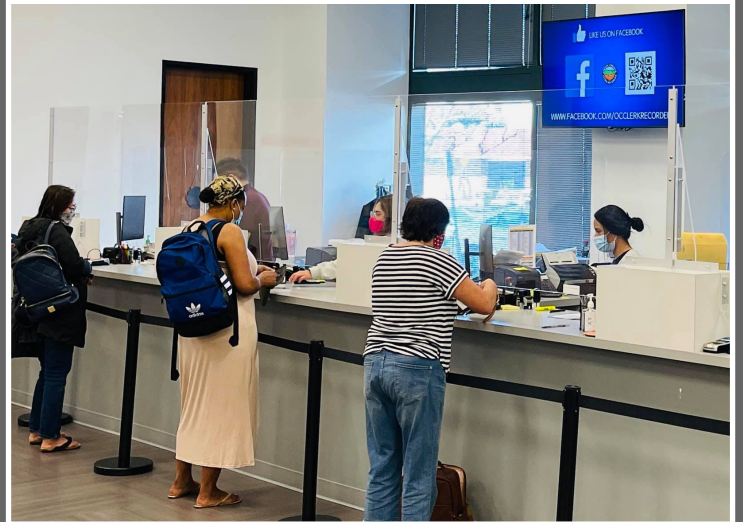


**ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER**

**CALL CENTER**

**WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

**(714) 834 - 2500**



## ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER RESUMES WALK-IN SERVICE AT ANAHEIM AND SANTA ANA LOCATIONS

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen is excited to announce the resumption of walk-in service at the department's County Service Center (CSC) location inside the County Administration South building in Santa Ana and at the department's North County branch office in Anaheim. No appointments are needed to obtain most department services.

The following services will be available to walk-in customers at the County Service Center in Santa Ana: birth, death, and marriage records, fictitious business name statements, real property recordings, official records copies, notary public registrations and oaths, all professional registrations and EIR filings. For in-person service, customers **MUST** complete an application prior to visiting the office, except for real property recordings.

Please visit [OCRecorder.com](https://www.ocrecorder.com) to complete an application.

The following services will be available to walk-in customers at the North County branch office in Anaheim: birth, death, and marriage records, marriage services (by appointment only), fictitious business name statements, official records copies, notary public registrations and oaths and EIR filings. No real property recordings will be available at this location until further notice. Again, for in-person service, customers **MUST** complete an application prior to visiting our office. Please visit [OCRecorder.com](https://www.ocrecorder.com) to complete an application.

All marriage services will be available by appointment only. The Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana and the South County branch office in Laguna Hills will remain closed to all other walk-in services. To complete an application or to make an appointment for marriage services, please visit [OCRecorder.com](https://www.ocrecorder.com).

The department will continue to implement the recommended steps and guidelines to ensure a safe experience for its staff and customers.

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## **ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER OFFERS FIRST EVER VIRTUAL MARRIAGE SERVICES FOR VALENTINE'S DAY**

This past Valentine's Day, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen offered virtual marriage services for the first time on what is considered the most romantic day of the year by many. Although Valentine's Day landed on a Sunday this year, that did not stop Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen from making it memorable for couples looking to tie the knot from the comfort and safety of their home. The department offered virtual marriage appointments from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Couples had to purchase a marriage license and have a civil marriage ceremony performed during their appointment.

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# IN THE NEWS



## CLERK-RECORDER'S MARRIAGE SERVICES FEATURED BY *TIMESOC*

On February 10, 2021, the Los Angeles Times' Orange County section – TimesOC – featured the Clerk-Recorder Marriages Department and our operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. TimesOC contributor Lori Basheda published the following:

You may now kiss the bride, the clerk behind the glass announced after a young masked couple exchanged vows the other day at the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana.

“Like, actually kiss her?” asked Alonso de la Torre Vega, prompting guests watching the ceremony on a Zoom call to laugh out loud.

Yes, the clerk confirmed.

So Torres tore off his mask and planted one on his new bride Viridiana Tapia Diosdado.

Then they strapped their masks back on and turned to a computer that the bride's brother was holding up so that they could wave to their friends and family members watching the nuptials from the safety of their own homes.

“Thank you for logging on,” Torres told the Zoom crowd, laughing and waving.

Welcome to love in the time of COVID. The pandemic has shut down all sorts of life events but it is no match for *amour*.

Thank you TimesOC for highlighting the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department's Marriage Services Unit and the services we are offering. To read the full article, [please click here](#).

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# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



## Orange County Clerk-Recorder *Employee of the Month*



**Congratulations!**  
***Helen Tonnu***

**Dedicated to Providing Excellent Customer Service**

Each month we recognize an employee who goes above and beyond their normal duties and offers excellent service to our customers. The Employee of the Month receives a certificate of recognition, has their name placed on a recognition plaque and may dress casual during their month of recognition.

It gives us great pleasure to announce Helen Tonnu as Employee of the Month for February.

Since joining our department, Helen has gone above and beyond to help her colleagues and the public. Always ready to take on a new assignment, Helen has worked in numerous different units and excelled in each. After working Clerk Operations at the South County branch office, she helped at the CSC, Call Center, Honda Center, and in Virtual Marriages. Helen then joined the Data Entry Team in November 2020.

Helen quickly learned her new role in Data Entry and has become a valued member of the team, taking on the responsibility of prepping and scanning property documents to create Grantor/Grantee index images. She ensures the images are good quality and complete, fixes any image problems, and writes work orders for documents that are incomplete. She is very polite and respectful to everyone and has a fantastic attitude. Helen is always ready to learn and take on new challenges. She takes initiative, works independently, and creates a high-quality end product.

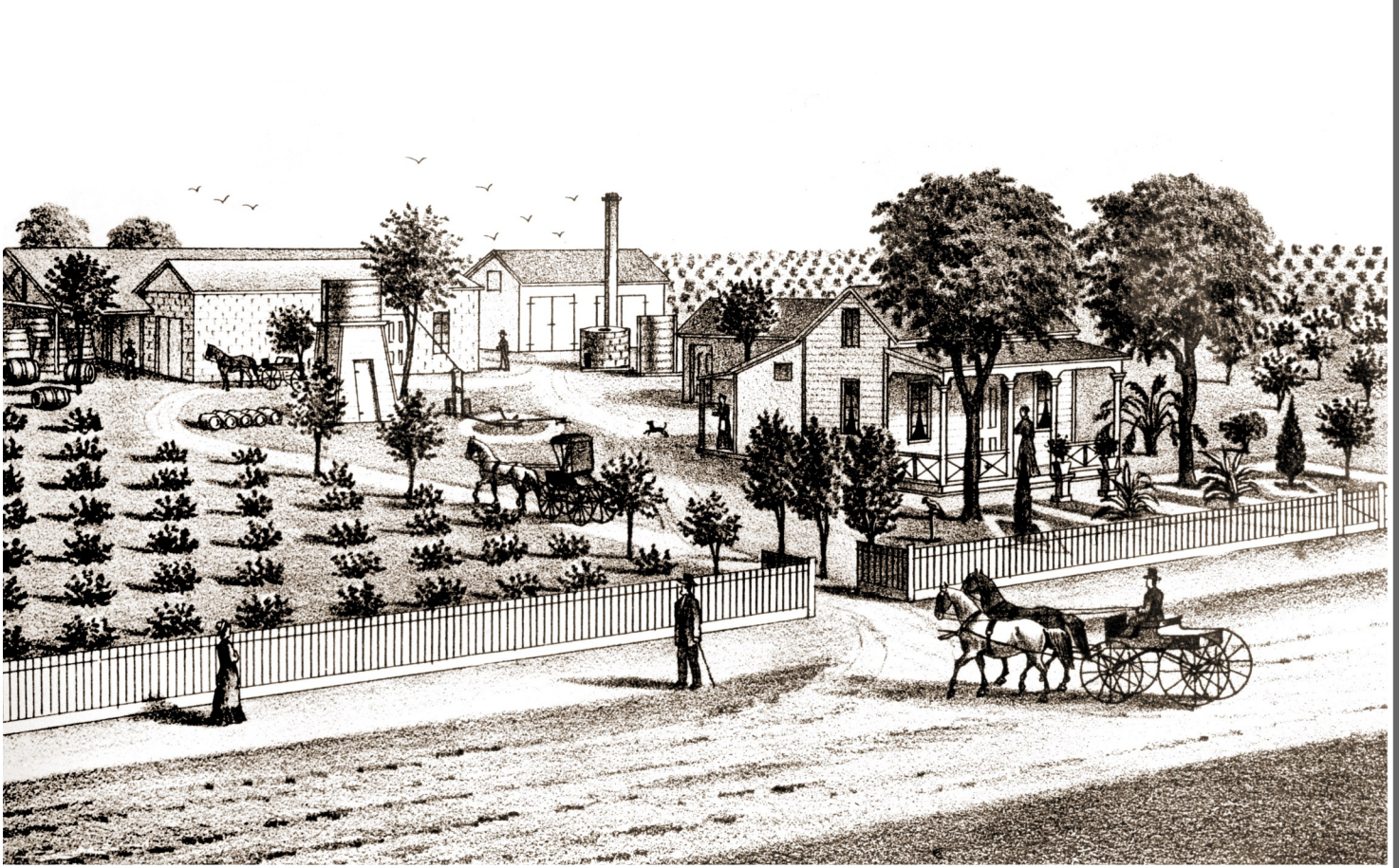
Helen's hard work has not gone unnoticed. We are happy to announce that she will be assisting the SECURE Team beginning on March 1, 2021. The Data Entry Team is going to miss her greatly but wish her all the best in her new role.

Please join me in congratulating Helen on her achievement!

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# FEBRUARY IN O.C. HISTORY



William Konig's wine cellars, vineyards, and home in the German vineyard colony of Anaheim, 1880.

- February 2, 1848** The Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo was signed, ending the Mexican-American War and making California part of the United States along with all or parts of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. The treaty also established the border in Texas at the Rio Grande.
- February 18, 1850** Los Angeles County (of which today's Orange County was then still a part) was established.
- February 23, 1841** The Rancho Rincon de la Brea was granted to Gil Ybarra. Most of its 4,452 acres are now part of Los Angeles County. However, Orange County's Brea Canyon and the land between the canyon and the L.A. County line were also part of this rancho.
- February 28, 1831** Manuel Victoria became the governor of Alta California and would soon try to become its dictator. Angry Californians crushed his rule by the end of the year.
- February 24, 1857** A group of (mostly German) immigrants met in San Francisco to form the Los Angeles Vineyard Society, which later founded Anaheim.

Historical facts provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

Photo: Courtesy of the Orange County Archives

Courtesy of the Orange County Archives, a function under the Office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

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# OUT AND ABOUT



One of our staff captured this snowy scene on a recent trip to Beaverton, Oregon.

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