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CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT TO RESUME PASSPORT SERVICES AT ANAHEIM AND SANTA ANA LOCATIONS

After being forced to halt passport services due to pandemic closures, COVID-19 numbers drastically falling, and demand for travel increasing daily, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen is pleased to announce the resumption of passport services at his department, signaling a steady return to normalcy. One year after halting services due to COVID-19, the department is excited to get passport services up and running again. In what is considered a milestone achievement, effective Monday, May 17, 2021, the department will be offering appointments only for new passports at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana and at its North County branch office in Anaheim. Again, only new passport applications will be accepted. No passport renewal services will be available. **Service is by appointment only.** No passport services available at Laguna Hills office.

To complete a passport application and to book an appointment, customers must visit OCRecorder.com. Appointments are filling up fast, so book yours now! Applicants must complete their application online and make an appointment prior to visiting the offices. The Old County Courthouse is located at 211 West Santa Ana Blvd. in downtown Santa Ana and offers appointments from 8 am to 4 pm. The North County branch office at 222 S. Harbor Blvd., Ste. 110 in Anaheim, inside the Wells Fargo Building and is offering appointments from 9 am to 4 pm. No walk-in service will be available at either location. For those looking to renew a passport, please visit the U.S. Department of State's website at travel.state.gov/content/travel.html.

“Resuming passport services is a milestone for the department and the public in general,” said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. “After one tough year, people are beginning to feel safe enough to travel which is a great sign that we are returning back to normalcy. Calls for passport services are increasing and as always we are here to offer safe and convenient services when customers need them.”

Customers may apply for a new passport book or a passport card only. Passport photos will be available on the spot for \$10 (two photos). Applicants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by both parents. Passport fees must be paid only to the U.S. Department of State with a check or money order. The \$35 processing fee and \$10 photo fee must be paid separately and only to the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department using any form of payment – check, cash, money order or credit/debit cards. For the latest fee information, please visit OCRecorder.com.

For more information about the Clerk-Recorder Department, services offered by the department, and its convenient locations, please visit OCRecorder.com or call the department's information line at (714) 834-2500.

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ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92805

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATION SOUTH
601 N. ROSS STREET
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

OLD ORANGE COUNTY
COURTHOUSE
211 W. SANTA ANA BLVD. ROOM 201
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92701

SOUTH COUNTY BRANCH OFFICE
LAGUNA HILLS CIVIC CENTER
24031 EL TORO ROAD, SUITE 150
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