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Clerk-Recorder Department Earns California State Association of Counties' Prestigious Innovation Award for Hitched at Honda Center

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen is proud to announce that his department is a recipient of a 2021 Innovation Award from the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for its Hitched at Honda Center Program in the Disaster and Emergency Response/Management category and rural population category. The award is the most prestigious presented by CSAC and is awarded to programs deemed the most innovative and effective entries received in 2021. This year CSAC received a record setting 433 entries, the most in the history of the program.

"This award is a great accomplishment for the department," Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen said. "We have worked so hard during this pandemic to keep offering essential marriage services to the public. Receiving this prestigious award validates our efforts. It tells me we did something good. Marriage services are crucial, and I am so proud that we could offer a safe service option to all residents during the pandemic. I would like to thank my staff for all their hard work and for making this possible."

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department partnered with Honda Center in Anaheim to resume essential marriage services by using Honda Center's box office booths. The program far exceeded expectations and helped deliver services in numbers never seen before, even during a year fraught with a global pandemic. During Hitched at Honda Center, the department issued 16,838 marriage licenses and performed 8,252 marriage ceremonies in a nine-month span; a 25% increase in marriage services from the previous year. The program not only served Orange County, but all nearby counties, whose offices were closed to the public at the time, and even couples from other states and countries.

This is the first time in County history in which the Clerk-Recorder Department has received awards from both NACo and CSAC in the same year.

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