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Wedding Vows to Echo Again Throughout Clerk-Recorder's Marriage Ceremony Rooms

Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen is proud to announce the reopening of all marriage ceremony rooms at his department's offices effective Thursday, March 24, 2022. After being closed for the past two years due to the pandemic, the Clerk-Recorder Department will resume civil marriage ceremonies inside ceremony rooms located at its office locations in Anaheim, Laguna Hills and at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana. The department is also increasing the number of guests allowed to attend the ceremonies from one to five guests. Demand is expected to increase, so appointments are highly recommended. For those interested in having a civil marriage ceremony performed at one of the department's beautiful ceremony rooms, please visit **OCRecorder.com** to complete a marriage license application and/or to make an appointment.

"I am looking forward to seeing couples exchange vows, in the company of their loved ones, inside one of our beautiful ceremony rooms," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. "My department has been waiting for this day and believe me, so has the public," he added. "It will be great to see couples taking full advantage of all the available and convenient marriage venues."

The ceremony rooms have been closed since March 2020 when state mandated office closures took effect. Currently the department performs marriage ceremonies at the point of service and has also been limiting the number of guests that may be present during the ceremony to one. The reopening of the ceremony rooms will be a welcomed change for all. The department is excited to welcome back couples and their loved ones as they come together to celebrate their special occasion.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder has the lowest costs for a marriage license and a civil ceremony in the state. In Orange County, couples can obtain a public marriage license for \$61 and a confidential marriage license for \$66. Couples can have a civil ceremony performed in one of the department's ceremony rooms for an additional \$28. They can also prepay \$17 for a certified copy of their marriage certificate.

For more detailed information about marriage services or to learn more about the services offered at the Clerk-Recorder Department, please visit **OCRecorder.com** or contact the department's information line at (714) 834-2500. The information line is available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, except holidays.

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