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## CLERK-RECORDER TO CONTINUE MAILING REAL PROPERTY FRAUD PREVENTION COURTESY NOTICES TO PROTECT REAL PROPERTY OWNERS

This week, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen reaffirmed his commitment to fraud prevention by gaining approval from the Orange County Board of Supervisors to continue mailing Real Property Fraud Prevention Courtesy Notices to current property owners when a transfer deed such as a deed, grant, grant deed, quit claim deed, or trustee's deed has been recorded on a property. The courtesy notices are also sent when a notice of default has been recorded on a property.

"These notices have proven helpful in protecting Orange County property owners against possible real estate fraud," Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen said. "This year, I have expanded this program to now cover several types of deeds and notices of default. I would like to thank the Board of Supervisors for supporting my commitment to preventing real estate fraud in our County."

The courtesy notices are mailed to property owners a few days after a deed affecting the ownership of their property is recorded. Notification is sent to the current owner(s) of record to inform them of any unauthorized transfer of property. Previously, the department sent notices to owners when a grant deed was recorded on their property. The program will now cover more types of deeds and notices of default.

Last year, the Orange County District Attorney offered to collaborate with the department by providing owners with direct contact information to the District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Hotline and instructions for them to gain easy access to resources and forms on their website should they suspect fraud after receiving a courtesy notice.

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