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Courtesy Notices Continue to Support Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Efforts to Prevent Property Fraud

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen continues to strengthen efforts to protect homeowners from real estate fraud through the ongoing use of Real Property Fraud Prevention Courtesy Notices - a trusted program that alerts property owners whenever documents are recorded on their property.

To further support homeowners, the Clerk-Recorder's Office continues its partnership with the Orange County District Attorney's Office, providing direct reporting options for suspected fraud. Homeowners who receive a notice and believe a transaction may be fraudulent are encouraged to contact the Real Estate Fraud Unit directly at REFraud@ocdapa.org.

"These notices have been critical in helping property owners spot suspicious activity early," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. "With countywide support, we are ensuring that fraud prevention remains a top priority."

Courtesy notices are automatically mailed to property owners when certain documents - such as grant deeds, quit claim deeds, trustee's deeds, or notices of default - are recorded on their property. Each notice includes a copy of the first page of the recorded document so homeowners can quickly confirm whether the transaction is legitimate.

Over the years, the program has expanded to include a broader range of document types and remains one of the most proactive fraud-prevention tools offered by the County Clerk-Recorder.

For questions, please call the Clerk-Recorder's information line at (714) 834-2500 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Visit OCclerkRecorder.gov for details. For media inquiries, please contact Billy Le at 714-834-2248.

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Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen was elected countywide to serve the residents of all 34 cities in Orange County and its unincorporated communities. The first Vietnamese American to hold the office, he has led the Clerk-Recorder Department since 2013 after beginning his public service career with the department in 1993. Since taking office, he has earned county, state, and national recognition for innovation and public service.

Under his leadership, the department maintains a safe and secure repository of public records, oversees the Orange County Archives, and provides residents with cost-effective, efficient, and convenient access to a wide range of services while safeguarding the confidentiality of personal information. His focus on efficiency has helped keep Orange County's real property document recording fees the lowest in California, and the department works closely with the Orange County District Attorney's Office to help protect homeowners from fraud through early courtesy notices.



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REAL ESTATE FRAUD PREVENTION

Orange County Clerk-Recorder is committed to protecting property owners from real estate fraud by providing a Property Fraud Prevention Courtesy Notice service since 2007 in collaboration with Orange County District Attorney.



NO SIGN-UP NECESSARY

The courtesy notice is free and automatically sent to the property owner when a document affecting title to a property is recorded.



CONTENTS OF THE NOTICE

- Notification of the recent property recording transaction
- the first page preview of the recorded document



SUSPECT FRAUD?

Contact Orange County District Attorney's Real Estate Fraud Unit at REfraud@ocdapa.org



BE PROACTIVE

Regularly monitor for any recorded documents that may affect ownership every 6 months by visiting our offices to review the Grantor/Grantee Index for free or perform a search on our online Grantor/Grantee Index at OCRecorder.com

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