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WELCOME

Newsletter - May 2026

Thank you for your interest in the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department's newsletter. We will be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news, information and events affecting the department. I am honored and privileged to serve as your County Clerk-Recorder. Please contact my office at (714) 834-2500 or visit us at OCRecorder.com for more information about the department and the services provided to the public.

Sincerely,

*Hugh Nguyen
County Clerk-Recorder*

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ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER

CALL CENTER

**WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

(714) 834 - 2500

NEWS

On May 2, our Clerk-Recorder on Wheels team was proud to serve residents at the Good Life Celebration Health & Wellness Fair in Placentia. From vital records to business filings and official copies, we were able to bring essential services directly to the community, making it easier and more convenient for families to get what they need.

A big thank you to our incredible staff for showing up with professionalism, care, and dedication. Your commitment is what makes these events successful and meaningful for the people we serve.

We're grateful for every resident who stopped by. Being able to serve you outside of our offices is exactly why we do this work—meeting people where they are and removing barriers to access.



NEWS

On May 6, the Apostille Pop-Up Shop, made possible through a special collaboration between the Orange County Clerk-Recorder and the California Secretary of State, was a tremendous success. For one day only, state-level apostille services were brought directly to our community, and the strong turnout showed just how valuable and needed this service is for Orange County residents.

I'm proud that we continue to save our community both time and money by offering on-the-spot apostille services and domestic partnership registrations locally, eliminating the need to travel to Los Angeles or mail documents to Sacramento.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated OC Clerk-Recorder staff, the California Secretary of State team, and the Clerk of the Board for providing notary services. I'm also grateful for the support from the Orange County Board of Supervisors and all Orange County departments who helped make this event possible.

This Apostille Pop-Up Shop clearly demonstrates the power of collaboration across government agencies and our shared commitment to delivering accessible, efficient public service to the people of Orange County.



NEWS

On May 7, our Clerk-Recorder team partnered with the City of Santa Ana once again to support residents in need at the Carnegie Shelter. This was our second time participating in this community outreach effort, and this time we were proud to bring our Clerk-Recorder on Wheels mobile unit to provide records and services directly on site.

Working alongside other government agencies and community partners, our team was able to assist residents by providing information and issuing records on the spot through our mobile public service office. Access to these important documents can make a meaningful difference for individuals and families seeking housing, employment, benefits, and other essential services.

At the Office of Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen, we believe government services should be accessible to everyone. Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, agencies, and community organizations who helped make today's outreach possible.



NEWS

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen and our Clerk-Recorder team were in the City of Orange on May 13 as the Clerk-Recorder on Wheels mobile unit partnered with The HUB OC Resource Center to help serve individuals experiencing homelessness.

Our team was proud to bring government services and information directly into the community, helping residents access important resources in a more convenient and accessible way. Events like these reflect our continued commitment to meeting people where they are and ensuring services are available to all residents throughout Orange County.

Thank you to The HUB OC Resource Center and all community partners who came together to support those in need.



NEWS



Hugh Nguyen
Orange County Clerk-Recorder

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
May 14, 2026

Contact: Billy Le
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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 OCRecorder.gov for details. For media inquiries, please contact Billy Le at 714-834-2248.

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NEWS

Our Clerk-Recorder on Wheels team was proud to serve the community on May 14 at the Ponderosa Resource Fair/Open House in Anaheim!

Staff members were on-site assisting residents with Clerk-Recorder services, including: Birth, Marriage, and Death Certificates, Fictitious Business Name (FBN) filings, and Official Record Copies.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to connect with our team and learn more about the services provided by the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office. We are committed to making government services more accessible, convenient, and available directly within the communities we serve.



NEWS

On May 16, we were at Savannah High School assisting residents with new U.S. passport applications and passport photos through the Office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen's Clerk-Recorder on Wheels mobile unit. Thank you to Mayor Pro Tem Carlos Leon, Savannah High School, and everyone who stopped by today.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the month of May:



On May 9, our Orange County Clerk-Recorder team had a wonderful time connecting with families, sharing information about our services, and supporting an event focused on the health, development, and well-being of children and families throughout Orange County.

We appreciate First 5 Orange County, CalOptima Health, and all community partners for organizing such a meaningful event and bringing valuable resources directly to local families. Thank you to our staff for spending the day serving the community and helping residents learn more about the services available through our office.



Let's cheer for the graduates! Team Hugh Nguyen was excited to present certificates of recognition to the talented graduates of Advance Beauty College.

Congratulations to all the students on this incredible achievement! We wish each of you great success as you begin your journey in the beauty industry. May your passion, skill, and creativity lead you to a bright and thriving career.

We also want to extend our appreciation to the dedicated teachers who inspire and empower these students every day. Sending our best wishes to Advance Beauty College for continued success in shaping the next generation of beauty professionals!



Congratulations to all the beauty professionals who completed the 2026 Beauty Boss Program by the Orange County Inland Empire Small Business Development Center Network (OCIE SBDC).

Team Hugh Nguyen presented certificates of recognition to all the program graduates on this special achievement. It was a pleasure for us to be present at the Beauty Boss Program Showcase to see the group demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

We wish this Beauty Boss Program cohort great success in all their endeavors and look forward to seeing their businesses thrive in Orange County and beyond!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the month of May:



Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen was honored to join organization and community leaders at the International Luncheon Mixer in recognizing outstanding partners who help strengthen business, trade, and community connections throughout Orange County and beyond.

Special thanks to Jay from X Business Network and the XBN leadership team for inviting the Clerk-Recorder's Office to be part of this meaningful gathering.

Congratulations to the District Export Council of Southern California, SBDC, World Affairs Council, U.S. Small Business Administration, Greater Irvine Chamber, Orange County Business Council, Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, and Women in World Trade Orange County for their dedication to supporting small businesses, international partnerships, and regional economic growth.

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office is ready to support new and growing businesses with services such as fictitious business name filings, official records, notary registrations, and other important public services that help entrepreneurs move forward with confidence.

Together, we are building a stronger, more connected, and more inclusive business community.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Orange County Clerk-Recorder *Employee of the Month*



Congratulations!

Samantha

Dedicated to Providing Excellent Customer Service

Each month we recognize an employee who goes above and beyond their normal duties and offers excellent service to our customers. The Employee of the Month receives a certificate of recognition and has their name placed on a recognition plaque.

I am pleased to announce Samantha De Guzman as Employee of the Month for May.

Samantha's strong work ethic, reliability, and commitment to excellence make her a valued member of our Recorder Operations unit. Samantha demonstrates professionalism in every customer interaction in-person and over the phone. She assists customers with courtesy, respect, and efficiency. Samantha approaches challenges with composure and thoughtful problem-solving and is always willing to support her supervisors and colleagues whenever needed.


Samantha's reliability sets a remarkable standard. She arrives early each day prepared to work, remains focused throughout her shift, and manages her responsibilities with diligence. She also takes initiative to support the department beyond her assigned duties. Recently, she completed training in the mailroom, demonstrating adaptability, enthusiasm for learning, and a readiness to support operations wherever she is needed.

We are grateful for Samantha's contributions. Her dedication, professionalism, and supportive nature reflect the qualities we value most in our team.

Please join me in congratulating Samantha on this well-deserved recognition!

CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

We received the following customer comment card and Google Business review for our County Administration South office in Santa Ana. Thank you to Esmeralda V. and our staff for providing excellent customer service to our customers.

 Esmeralda ✓
OC CLERK-RECORDER SURVEY

Your Name: Peggy
Date: 5/18/2020 Phone: _____

What office location did you visit?
Anaheim Santa Ana Old Courthouse Laguna Hills

1. Reason for your visit
property information
death cert.

2. How would you rate our overall service
 Outstanding Average Needs Improvement

3. Do you have any additional suggestions?
She was very personable
great people skills
We REALLY liked her

Thank you for your feedback!

★★★★★ 6 days ago

Genuinely the nicest staff ever, super fast process too. Went there for a birth certificate, I was probably out in under 10 minutes. Def recommend!

CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

We received the following comment for our Call Center and Archives staff in Santa Ana. Thank you Susan and our Call Center staff for going above and beyond for our customers.

Hello, How may I assist you today? ✓

would like to make sure my message is passed along to a team member. Thank you. 🗨️ • 3 minutes ago

I just wanted to make sure my message actually is received and read by a team member instead of the virtual system -- I sent the following: I work for an attorney in San Luis Obispo County. I had the need to obtain information from Orange County in regard to property owned by a decedent. Each person I spoke with yesterday was genuinely kind and helpful and pointed me in the right direction to get the assistance I needed. Today I spoke with your Archivist, Susan, who was delightful. She found the exact information/document we needed and has already provided it to our office. I wanted you to know how very happy I was to work with your office and to give "kudos" and thanks to each person I spoke with -- unfortunately, I only have Susan's name.

You say:
Kindly -- Jodi

Thank you.


We received the following Google Business Review for our North County Office in Anaheim. Thank you to my staff for providing efficient customer service.

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

Staff were very helpful. Its best to visit them online and complete your order. If you choose to walk in they have kiosks right there to place your order. Took about 15 minutes to get birth certicate with no appointment.

CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

We received the following comment card for our South County Office in Laguna Hills. Olivia, thank you for delivering great customer service and support.

 **OC CLERK-RECORDER SURVEY** *Olivia*

Your Name: *Elham* _____

Date: *5/29/24* Phone: _____

What office location did you visit?
Anaheim Santa Ana Old Courthouse Laguna Hills

1. Reason for your visit
change the name of business,

2. How would you rate our overall service
Outstanding Average Needs Improvement
Very nice, patient, and helpful people both times I visited

3. Do you have any additional suggestions?

Thank you for your feedback!

MAY IN O.C. HISTORY



"it's a small world," within a few years of opening at Disneyland. (Photo courtesy Orange County Archives)

May 3, 1935

The Boy Scouts' new Camp Irvine opened at what had been a health camp on the western end of what's now Irvine Regional Park. James Irvine, who provided the land, felt the Scouts would take good care of the property and trees.

May 11, 1957

St. Jude Hospital was dedicated in Fullerton.

May 24, 1920

The Orange County Historical Society held its first official meeting at the Santa Ana Public Library.

May 25, 1906

Santa Ana's Chinatown was intentionally burned after leprosy was discovered there and all the residents had been evacuated.

May 28, 1966

The "it's a small world" ride – transplanted from its original site at the 1964-1965 New York World's Fair – opened at Disneyland.

Historical facts provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

Photo: Courtesy of the Orange County Archives.

Courtesy of the Orange County Archives, a function under the Office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

OUT AND ABOUT



One of our staff captured El Meco Waterfall during their travels to San Luis Potosí, Mexico.

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