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WELCOME

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

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NEWS

From vital records, fictitious business names, to property records, our mobile unit Clerk-Recorder on Wheels is proud to make it simple for the community to access their records.

On June 3, we had a successful event in Huntington Beach with the Ocean View School District Office.

We were pleased to help individuals and families get their records on the spot and save them a trip to our office. Our team also answered questions from the community regarding our many other services.



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NEWS

On June 3, Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen had the honor of speaking at the Rotary Club of Fullerton, where he shared his personal journey of public service and discussed the many important services provided by the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office.

From recording official documents and issuing birth, death, and marriage records to providing marriage licenses, civil ceremonies, passport services, and mobile services through Clerk-Recorder on Wheels, our office remains committed to making services more accessible and convenient for the public.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Fullerton for the warm welcome and for the opportunity to connect with your members. We appreciate your continued commitment to "Service Above Self" and the Fullerton community.



NEWS

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen and the Clerk-Recorder team were proud to bring Clerk-Recorder on Wheels to the Housing Resource Fair at Santa Ana College on Saturday, June 13.

Our team was on-site to make it easier for the community to access Clerk-Recorder services, including vital records, fictitious business name filings, and official record copies.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by and connected with us. We are always grateful for opportunities to bring County services directly to the community.



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CLERK-RECORDER HUGH NGUYEN CELEBRATES 20 YEARS AT LAGUNA HILLS BRANCH OFFICE

The Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department is excited to celebrate 20 years of service at its Laguna Hills Branch Office, a milestone that reflects the department's continued commitment to providing convenient access to Clerk-Recorder services for South County residents and customers throughout Orange County.

"Our Laguna Hills Branch Office has proudly served South County residents for two decades, and I am excited to celebrate this special occasion with the community we serve," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. "For many couples, this location is where a new chapter begins. Our team is honored to help make that special moment simple, welcoming, and memorable."

Located inside the Laguna Hills Civic Center, the Laguna Hills Branch Office offers marriage licenses, civil marriage ceremonies, renewal of vows, passport services, passport photos, birth, death, and marriage records, fictitious business name filings, and official record copies. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except County holidays.

As the department celebrates this milestone, Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen reminds couples that appointments are preferred for marriage services, but walk-ins are always welcome on a first-come, first-served basis. Outdoor ceremonies are available upon request when staffing, weather, and location permits.

Couples may choose from several ceremony options through the Clerk-Recorder Department, including indoor civil ceremonies, outdoor ceremonies upon request, renewal of vows, and live-stream ceremonies for loved ones who cannot attend in person. The Laguna Hills location also offers a beautiful South County ceremony room setting, along with outdoor areas near the Civic Center that may serve as a memorable backdrop for photos, including outdoor photos with pets when appropriate.

The department also offers Special Saturday Openings throughout the year, with dates and service information posted on the department's website. Couples attending a Special Saturday Opening may ask about indoor and outdoor ceremony options when visiting the office.

To ensure couples receive the most accurate and up-to-date information, the department encourages the public to rely on official Clerk-Recorder sources. Information shared by third parties, including vendors, social media accounts, or online posts, may be outdated, incomplete, inaccurate, or potentially misleading.

NEWS

On June 18, I had the pleasure of speaking with the Rotary Club of La Habra. I shared about my personal journey in public service and highlighted the many ways the Orange County Clerk-Recorder's Office serves our community.

I spoke about the services we provide every day, from recording official documents and issuing vital records to offering marriage services, new U.S. passports, and our mobile Clerk-Recorder on Wheels program that brings services directly to residents.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of La Habra for the warm welcome and the meaningful conversation.



NEWS

Clerk-Recorder on Wheels rolled into Westminster on June 25 for another successful event, helping families and individuals apply for their new U.S. passports with ease.

Our mobile unit brings essential services right to the community by offering new U.S. passport application acceptances and passport photos all in one convenient visit.

We're proud to make these important services more accessible, efficient, and family friendly for everyone we serve.



NEWS

On June 27, our Special Saturday Opening was filled with meaningful moments across Anaheim, Santa Ana, and Laguna Hills. From joyful marriage ceremonies to families preparing for new adventures by applying for new U.S. passports, our offices were open to support important milestones for Orange County residents.

We were also pleased to welcome Orange County's new County Executive Officer, KC Roestenberg, who received a tour of our operations from Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen and had the opportunity to see firsthand how our dedicated team serves the public.

Offering weekend availability remains an important way for the Clerk-Recorder Department to help individuals and families with busy weekday schedules access services with greater ease and convenience.

Thank you to our outstanding staff for their hard work, professionalism, and commitment to public service. Their efforts helped make this Special Saturday Opening a great success.

To the couples who said "I do," we are honored to be part of your story. May your journey together be filled with joy, love, and many wonderful memories. Congratulations!



NEWS



CLERK-RECORDER HUGH NGUYEN EARNS NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR CLERK-RECORDER ON WHEELS

The Office of Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen has been recognized with a 2026 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the department's innovative program,

"Clerk-Recorder on Wheels: Reimagining Access to County Services." The award honors forward-thinking, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents.

"I am honored to receive this award and proud of what Clerk-Recorder on Wheels has achieved for our community," said Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen. "We heard from parents, working residents, and community members who could not easily visit one of our offices because of transportation challenges, work schedules, or limited time during the day. This mobile unit allows us to bring essential Clerk-Recorder services directly to residents throughout Orange County at times and locations that better serve them. Thanks to the dedication of our outstanding staff, we remain committed to serving with innovation, integrity, and our community always in mind."

Since its March 2025 launch, Clerk-Recorder on Wheels has transformed access to county services by delivering a fully equipped mobile unit directly to cities and communities across Orange County. The mobile unit has traveled 584 miles, completed 44 events, interacted with more than 1,700 members of the public, and provided 1,667 completed services, including 998 passport applications and photos, 645 vital records, and two dozen marriage services and business filings.

Clerk-Recorder on Wheels is designed to make services more convenient for residents facing challenges related to distance, transportation, work schedules, or language access needs. The mobile unit partners with government agencies, schools, community organizations, and local groups to bring certified copies of vital records, U.S. passport acceptance, passport photos, marriage services, property record copies, and fictitious business name filings to trusted community locations.

Each year, NACo's Achievement Awards recognize outstanding programming in 18 categories aligned with the broad range of services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, libraries, management, information technology, health, civic engagement, and more. Launched in 1970, the program celebrates innovation in county government, and each nominated program is judged on its own merits.

Clerk-Recorder on Wheels welcomes opportunities to collaborate with new partners to expand its reach and better serve local communities. For more information on Clerk-Recorder on Wheels' upcoming events, or to request collaboration, please visit [OCCLERKRECORDER.GOV/CROW](https://occlerkrecorder.gov/crow).

For more information about NACo's Achievement Awards, visit www.naco.org.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the month of June:



On Saturday, June 6, our team participated in the CalOptima Health Community Resource Fair in Costa Mesa.

We enjoyed connecting with community members and sharing helpful information about obtaining vital records, passport services, property records, and more.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to speak with us. We're always here to answer questions and look forward to assisting you at our offices soon.



Saying "I do" is an incredible milestone, and we're so thrilled to support couples on their big moment. On Sunday, June 7 Team Hugh Nguyen was present at the Anaheim Bridal Show where we spoke to many couples and their loved ones. Excitement was truly in the air as couples embarked on their wedding planning.

A key part of getting married is getting the marriage license. Our team informed attendees on the marriage license process, civil ceremony services, new U.S. passport services, and more.

We look forward to assisting all the happy couples in our offices soon!

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the month of June:



On June 14, Our Clerk-Recorder team had a good day at the BPSOS Health Fair.

We spent the day answering questions, sharing helpful information about Clerk-Recorder services, and connecting with so many community members who stopped by our booth. It was inspiring to hear your stories, learn about your needs, and provide support where we could.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to engage with us.



Team Hugh Nguyen sends our warmest congratulations to Bravo Printing y Mas on the grand opening of their new location.

This printing business has been serving the community for over 30 years with quality printing, customer care, and depending service.

We wish Bravo Printing y Mas continuous success and growth!

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Orange County Clerk-Recorder *Employee of the Month*



Congratulations!
Tramy

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 Tramy Co as Employee of the Month for June.

Tramy is a valued member of our Clerk Operations team, and her contributions help elevate the standard of service within our department. She approaches her responsibilities with exceptional dedication, professionalism, and genuine care for our customers. After recently becoming one of our passport agents, Tramy embraced her new role with enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn. She is also a remarkable team player who frequently steps in to support her supervisor and colleagues wherever needed. Her work ethic and team-first mindset make her an invaluable part of our department.

Beyond her daily responsibilities, Tramy contributes to our Special Saturday Openings, Clerk-Recorder on Wheels events, and community outreach efforts. Most recently, Tramy delivered a fantastic presentation at a community event guiding participants on how to file Fictitious Business Names with our office. Through all her work, Tramy demonstrates strong communication skills and outstanding professionalism.

We are proud to recognize Tramy's hard work, and we are grateful to have her on our team.

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

CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

We received the following Yelp reviews for our Old County Courthouse location in Santa Ana. Thank you to my staff for making our couples special day even more memorable.

★★★★★ Jun 14, 2026

My husband and I recently got married at the Orange County Courthouse, and it was such a wonderful experience! The architecture is beautiful, and the grand staircases made for amazing photos and memories.

The entire process of obtaining our marriage license and scheduling our ceremony was simple, convenient, and stress-free. The staff was incredibly friendly, helpful, and professional, and everything went smoothly from start to finish.

Our daughters enjoyed being part of the experience as well, which made the day even more special. If you're looking for a beautiful and affordable place to get married, I highly recommend the Orange County Courthouse!

★★★★★ Jun 4, 2026

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Charming architecture and so many beautiful photo opportunities. I especially love using the staircase and the dramatic lighting for timeless black-and-white portraits. It's a great choice for couples who want a wedding location that feels aesthetic, intimate, and visually special rather than just like a government building.

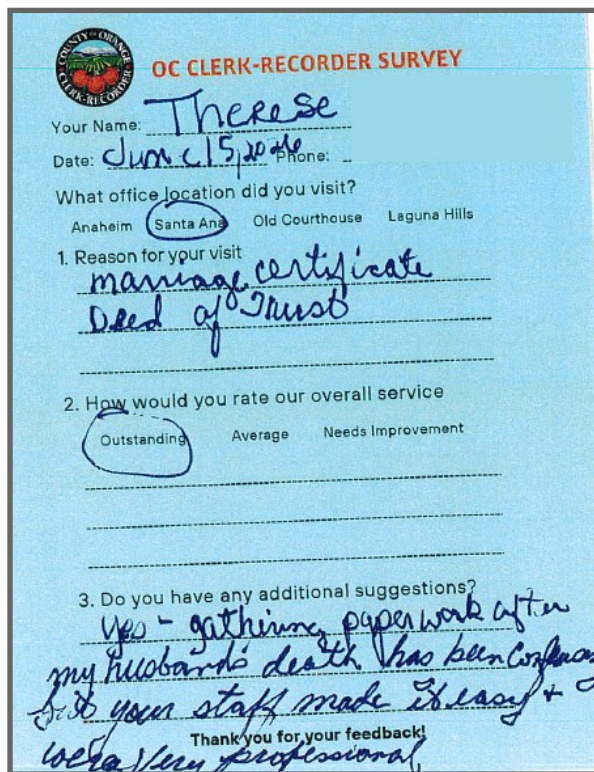
We received the following Google Business review for our North County Office in Anaheim. I would like to thank my North County staff for providing quick and efficient service.

★★★★★ 5 days ago

I needed a copy of my Birth certificate. I filled out the application online, showed up and checked in. I had my birth certificate 5 minutes later. So quick and easy.

CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

We received the following customer comment card and Yelp review for our County Administration South Office in Santa Ana. Thank you Esmeralda P. for your dedication to customer service and professionalism.

A blue survey form titled "OC CLERK-RECORDER SURVEY" with the County of Orange logo. It contains handwritten responses in blue ink. The name "Therese" is written, followed by the date "June 15, 2026". The office location "Santa Ana" is circled. The reason for the visit is "marriage certificate Deed of Trust". The overall service is rated "Outstanding", which is also circled. The additional suggestions section contains a handwritten note about gathering paperwork after a husband's death and how the staff made it easy and professional.

OC CLERK-RECORDER SURVEY

Your Name: Therese

Date: June 15, 2026 Phone: _____

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

1. Reason for your visit
marriage certificate
Deed of Trust

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

3. Do you have any additional suggestions?
Yes - gathering paperwork after
my husband's death has been confusing
but your staff made it easy +
well / very professional

Thank you for your feedback!



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I visited the county clerks office to obtain deeds of trust that were very old. The ladies who instructed me to call the county assessors office to first obtain the book and page number were friendly and helpful. Once I received the info I needed they helped me check in, and about 5 minutes later I had the documents I came for in hand. Probably the smoothest government office I have been to, by miles!!

We received the following Yelp review for our South County Office in Laguna Hills. Thank you to our South County team for making this couple's 30th vow renewal an unforgettable occasion.



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What a wonderful experience! My husband and I had our 30th vow renewal at the Laguna Hills location. It was so amazing!

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JUNE IN O.C. HISTORY

Orange County Archives



View from the Newport Beach Pier, circa 1948. (Photo courtesy O.C. Archives)

- June 1, 1886** Santa Ana became a city. Town founder William H. Spurgeon served as its first mayor.
- June 5, 1931** The First Annual Horn Toad Derby was held in Santa Ana, with 54 entrants and \$1,000 in prizes.
- June 6, 1948** Hundreds of beachgoers scramble for shore when “Killer Whales” appear in the shallows at Newport Beach.
- June 18, 1948** The County announces it will buy several buildings across Broadway from the Old Courthouse for extra office space. Later, part of the Civic Center would be built on this land.
- June 21, 1842** The Mexican government grants Rancho Niguel to Juan Avila.

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 members captured this stunning view of Horseshoe Bend while traveling through Arizona.

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