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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
Orange County Clerk-Recorder

WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

714-834-2500

MON - FRI, 8AM - 4:30PM

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News & Updates



On September 2, our Clerk-Recorder on Wheels team and intern joined the Garden Grove Unified School District's Back-to-School Health Fair at Los Amigos High School, bringing convenient Clerk-Recorder services directly to local families and helping make essential services more accessible to the community.

Our staff and intern were happy to assist community members and share information about services including birth, marriage and death certificates, fictitious business name statements, and official record copies.

Thank you to Garden Grove Unified School District for having us and for helping connect County services with the community!

News & Updates



We're thrilled to welcome the newest member of our Clerk-Recorder family! Our brand new eco-friendly electric outreach van is officially on the road, helping us share information and connect with the community.

This mobile unit strengthens our community outreach efforts and complements our existing Clerk-Recorder on Wheels program, allowing us to engage with residents across Orange County cities. Look for us at wedding expos, school resource fairs, and many other local events!

We can't wait to connect with you out in the community! Visit [OCRecorder.com](https://ocrecorder.com) to see where we're headed next.

News & Updates

New Service Alert!



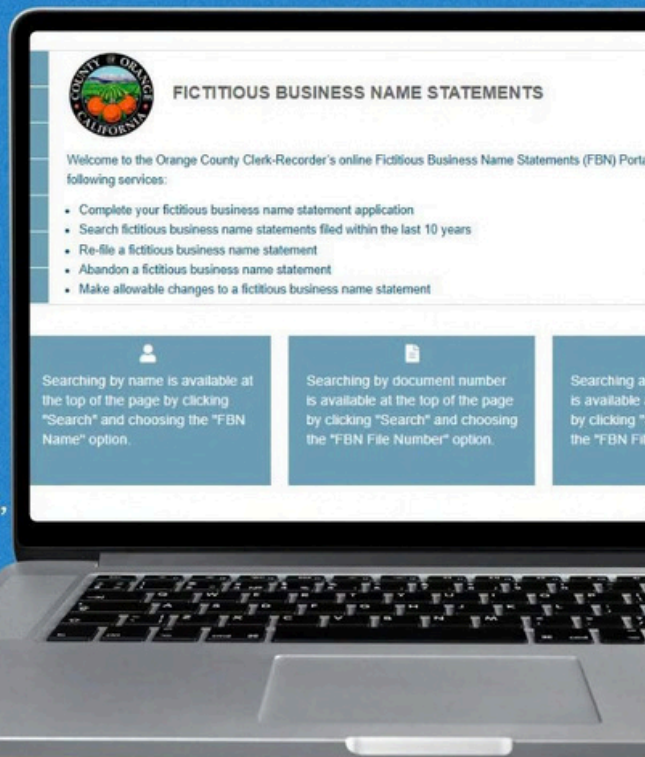
Fictitious Business Names (FBN) can now be filed online!

Skip the line, file your FBN online



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County Clerk-Recorder**

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OC CLERK-RECORDER HUGH NGUYEN
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

California Secretary of State

Apostille Pop-Up Shop



**ONE DAY
ONLY!**

OCTOBER 21, 2026
WEDNESDAY: 9AM - 4PM

SERVICES

APOSTILLES
DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATIONS
NOTARY

LOCATION

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION SOUTH BUILDING
601 N. ROSS ST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701

SCAN TO
LEARN MORE



sos.ca.gov/notary/request-apostille

PARKING LOT P4
630 N BROADWAY ST
SANTA ANA, CA 92701
FREE FIRST 30 MINUTES



**APOSTILLE AND
DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP
REGISTRATION PAYMENT**

VISA, MASTERCARD,
CHECK OR
MONEY ORDER

NO CASH

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES AVAILABLE ON SITE WITH PAYMENT ACCEPTED
IN CASH OR BY CHECK ONLY, MADE PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY OF ORANGE.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



On September 4, Clerk-Recorder staff and our intern were pleased to participate in the Garden Grove Unified School District Resource Fair at Edgar Elementary in support of the School Community Liaison training.

It was a great opportunity to connect with community partners and share information about the services our office provides to Orange County residents, including vital records, marriage services, passport services, fictitious business name filings, and official records.

Thank you to Garden Grove Unified School District for the invitation and for bringing together organizations committed to supporting students and families. We appreciate the chance to be part of this meaningful event.



Our Clerk-Recorder team was out in the community on September 9 to help connect individuals with important services and resources as they work to get back on their feet and move forward.

Thank you to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for bringing community partners together and giving us the opportunity to support those working toward a fresh start.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



On September 9, our staff connected with community members at a food distribution event with the Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education.

We answered questions about Clerk-Recorder services such as obtaining vital records, applying for NEW U.S. passports, filing fictitious business names, and more. Additionally, we informed attendees about our upcoming special Apostille Pop-Up on October 21, 2026 and our Special Saturday Openings.

Thank you to Santa Ana College School of Continuing Education for organizing this meaningful event. We are happy to be present and support our community.



Our Clerk-Recorder staff was out in the community on September 13 at the Santa Ana Fiestas Patrias Parade, proudly showing off our new VW electric vehicle and connecting with residents!

Our team also shared information about the many services available through the Office of Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen, including birth, death and marriage records, marriage licenses, property records, fictitious business names, passport services, notary registrations, and the Orange County Archives.

We're proud to bring our office into the community and make it easier for residents to learn about the services available to them.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



On September 19, our staff and interns attended the lively and fun BrideCon in Anaheim, where we connected with couples and their families to share information about our affordable and unforgettable marriage license and civil ceremony services. For couples planning a honeymoon abroad, we also offer NEW U.S. passport services, making it even more convenient to prepare for their special journey!

Our team wishes all the couples the best as they plan their weddings. We can't wait to assist them very soon at our offices. With some of the lowest fees in the state, our priority is creating a seamless experience for the newlyweds.

I would like to thank our team for their dedication to community outreach and our hardworking interns for their fantastic efforts informing the community about OC Clerk-Recorder services!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Congratulations to Zhu Vision, Modern Laser & Cataract Eye Surgery, on the grand opening of their new state-of-the-art facility in Orange.

I was pleased to present Zhu Vision with a certificate of recognition on their incredible milestone. Their dedication to serving the community and enhancing quality of life for residents is deeply appreciated. We look forward to their continuous commitment to advancing eye care through expertise, innovation, and compassion.

Again, I would like to send my warmest congratulations to Dr. Zhu and her team.



I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Open Bank in Garden Grove on their 1st anniversary!

I was pleased to join the Open Bank team during their celebration and present them with a certificate of recognition on their milestone.

Thank you to Open Bank for their continuous dedication to meeting the diverse needs of the community. I wish them success and growth for many years to come, and may Open Bank continue to reach new heights of excellence and achievement.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



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 Olivia Matas as our Employee of the Month for September.

Olivia is a valued member of our Clerk Operations unit. She arrives each day prepared, positive, and ready to support the public, her colleagues, and the needs of the department. Her commitment to outstanding customer service is clear. Often, customers personally thank Olivia for her empathy, professionalism, and care she brings to every interaction. Olivia has a remarkable ability to make our customers feel heard, valued, and confident that their needs are addressed.

Beyond her regular responsibilities, Olivia also contributes her skills to our department's special initiatives such as Clerk-Recorder on Wheels events and the testing initiative for electronic fictitious business name filings. When our branch offices need coverage, Olivia readily steps in to assist.

Olivia maintains a strong work ethic through all circumstances. She is a dependable team member who consistently demonstrates initiative, professionalism, and dedication. Olivia takes an active role in sharing knowledge with new colleagues and supporting hands-on training efforts, particularly in professional registrations. Her efforts strengthen our team and help new staff confidently learn our department procedures.

We are thankful for Olivia's contributions to the department, and it is a pleasure to work with her.

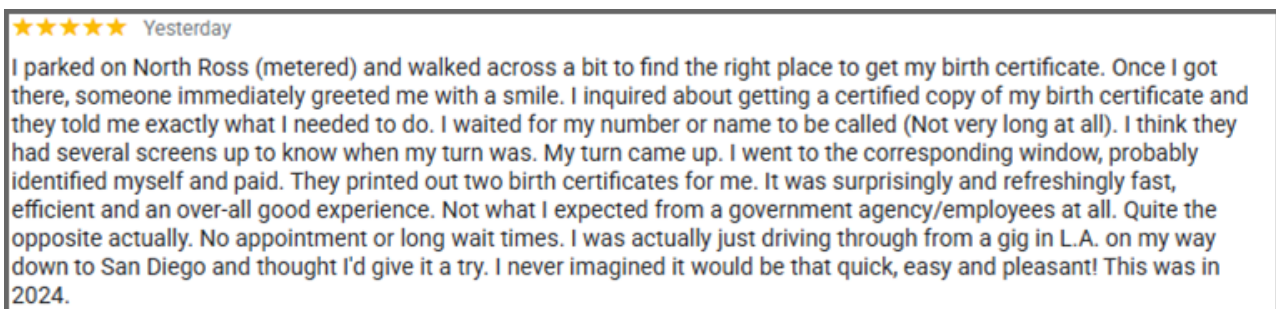
Please join me in congratulating Olivia on this well-deserved recognition!

CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING

We received the following Yelp review for our North County Office in Anaheim. Thank you to my staff for going above and beyond to provide our customers with a wonderful experience.



We received the following Google Business review for our County Administration South in Santa Ana. I appreciate my staff for providing a great experience and efficient service.



SEPTEMBER IN O.C. HISTORY



Newport Beach around 1906.
(Photo courtesy Orange County Archives)

- Sept. 1, 1906** Newport Beach incorporates, becoming a city.
- Sept. 2, 1973** Big Thunder Mountain Railroad opens at Disney
- Sept. 13, 1887** Robert W. Waterman becomes California governor upon the death of Washington Bartlett, who'd taken office earlier in the year. Waterman would ultimately sign the bill allowing Orange County to come into existence.
- Sept. 17, 1941** Orange County's office of County Counsel is created. Joel Ogle is appointed.
- Sept. 29, 1907** Gene Autry, the "Singing Cowboy" and the original and longtime owner of the Angels baseball team, was born in Texas.

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

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One of my staff took this photo of Glacier Bay while visiting Alaska.



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