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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,

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WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS
714-834-2500
MON - FRI, 8AM - 4:30PM

News & Updates





Connecting with students at UCI!

On October 1, Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen was at UC Irvine speaking with students about the services available through the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department and our Clerk-Recorder on Wheels (CROW) mobile unit.

We appreciate every opportunity to connect with students and the community and share how our office can bring important Clerk-Recorder services closer to you.

Interested in inviting Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen to speak at your event or requesting the CROW mobile unit for your organization or community event? Visit OCRecorder.com for more information and to submit a request.

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What a day! Our Special Saturday Opening brought energy, joy, and meaningful moments to every one of our offices.

From the start, Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen joined the team onsite, welcoming couples, families, and community members who came to take advantage of our convenient weekend services.

Across Santa Ana, Anaheim, and Laguna Hills, we saw smiling couples celebrating their marriages, couples renewing their wedding vows and reaffirming their love and commitment to one another, and families securing U.S. passport services. These special moments remind us why weekend access truly makes a difference.

Our Special Saturday Openings continue to highlight our commitment to Orange County's working families by offering essential services outside the traditional workweek. Making important tasks easier and more accessible is what these weekends are all about.

Congratulations to every couple who began a new chapter or celebrated their lasting commitment with us today. We're honored to be part of these meaningful milestones.

Thank you to our dedicated staff! Your professionalism, warmth, and outstanding customer service ensure each Special Saturday Opening runs smoothly and creates a welcoming experience for everyone who walks through our doors

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The Clerk-Recorder Department was out in the community with our Clerk-Recorder on Wheels mobile unit on October 15 at the Parenting in the Digital World Resource Fair hosted by Garden Grove Unified School District at Bolsa Grande High School!

Our team was proud to bring essential Clerk-Recorder services directly to local families, including birth, marriage, and death certificates, fictitious business name statements, and copies of official records. We also helped residents with questions about marriage licenses and other marriage services offered by our office.

Thank you to Garden Grove Unified School District for inviting us to be part of this wonderful community event!

Bringing County services closer to the communities we serve!

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What a beautiful day for love in Orange County! I was thrilled to celebrate the success of our first-ever mobile wedding ceremonies at Ralph B. Clark Regional Park in Buena Park, helping couples begin their next chapter in a beautiful setting.

I extend my sincerest thank-you to Chair Doug Chaffee of the OC Board of Supervisors for his partnership and generosity, and to our dedicated Clerk-Recorder team for making this milestone possible!

This is just the beginning! I look forward to bringing Clerk-Recorder on Wheels to more locations throughout Orange County.

Want to know where we're headed next? Visit OCrecorder.com for updates!

Here's to celebrating love, creating lasting memories, bringing county services, and meaningful moments closer to our community.

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Our one-day Apostille Pop-Up Shop wrapped with incredible momentum and an overwhelming show of community support! Thanks to the special partnership between the Orange County Clerk-Recorder and the California Secretary of State, residents were able to access state-level apostille services locally, saving time, money, and travel.

I was also thrilled to have our Clerk-Recorder on Wheels on-site issuing vital records, making it easy for residents to obtain important documents and apostilles in one seamless visit.

Bringing these services directly to Orange County truly made a difference, and the turnout showed just how essential this resource is for our community.

I would like to express my tremendous gratitude to our outstanding OC Clerk-Recorder team, the California Secretary of State team, the Clerk of the Board for notary support, the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and the County departments who contributed to this event's success.

Our Apostille Day demonstrated what we can achieve when agencies come together to deliver accessible, efficient services to the people of Orange County.



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On October 22nd, my department was delighted to welcome the pre-school children of Hands Together in Santa Ana to the County Administration South Building for our long-standing trick-or-treat tradition

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to all the participating County of Orange agencies and to my dedicated Clerk-Recorder staff for helping create such a joyful experience. Your teamwork, energy, and costumes make this event truly special and meaningful for the children.

Ninety enthusiastic little ones arrived in their most imaginative costumes, filling our halls with laughter, curiosity, and early Halloween spirit. Their excitement is something we look forward to every year, and it never disappoints.

And of course, our gratitude goes out to the parents and staff of Hands Together for partnering with us once again to bring this tradition to life.

Wishing everyone a festive and fun kickoff to the Halloween season!

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On October 22nd, the Clerk-Recorder department had a great time joining the Orangewood Foundation and other community agencies for a fun-filled Trunk-or-Treat event!

It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with families, hand out treats, and spread some Halloween cheer!

A big thank you to the Orangewood Foundation and all participating agencies for bringing our community together and making this event possible!

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On October 24th, our Orange County Clerk-Recorder on Wheels (CROW) mobile unit joined the City of La Habra for its 2026 Community Open House!

While families enjoyed the festivities, community activities, and trunk-or-treat fun, our team was on-site providing new U.S. passport application services, making it more convenient for residents to access important government services right in their community.

A special thank you to our dedicated Clerk-Recorder staff and interns for volunteering their time on a Saturday to serve the public!

We also extend our appreciation to the City of La Habra for inviting us to be part of this wonderful community event.

Under the leadership of Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen, we remain committed to bringing essential services closer to the communities we serve.

Bringing County Services Closer to You!

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On October 29th, our Clerk-Recorder on Wheels staff was in Westminster to assist the community with obtaining their important documents.

From birth certificates to fictitious business name filings to property records, we were able to help.

Got any questions? Our team is here to inform you about our many other services such as U.S. passports, marriage services, and more.

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Fantastic news! I am thrilled to share my department has received the 2026 ROSES Award for our mobile initiative, Clerk-Recorder on Wheels. Thank you to the Orange County Taxpayers Association for recognizing our commitment to innovative, community-centered service

Clerk-Recorder on Wheels was implemented to bring our services directly to residents throughout Orange County, making it easier to access important records and services closer to home. By bringing our services directly into cities across Orange County, we make government more accessible while helping taxpayers save time and expenses of traveling to an office for the records and services they need.

Beyond convenience, the mobile unit also strengthens our emergency preparedness efforts. In the event of a disaster, Clerk-Recorder on Wheels is equipped to assist communities in obtaining vital records and documents that are often critical to recovery and rebuilding.

This award reflects our ongoing commitment to delivering efficient, accessible, and responsive public service for Orange County residents. We are grateful for this recognition and proud to continue serving our communities wherever they are.

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Happy Halloween from your friendly OC Clerk-Recorder team. Our teams in Anaheim, Santa Ana, and Laguna Hills are here to serve you while in festive, fun, and spooky attire!













COMMUNITY OUTREACH



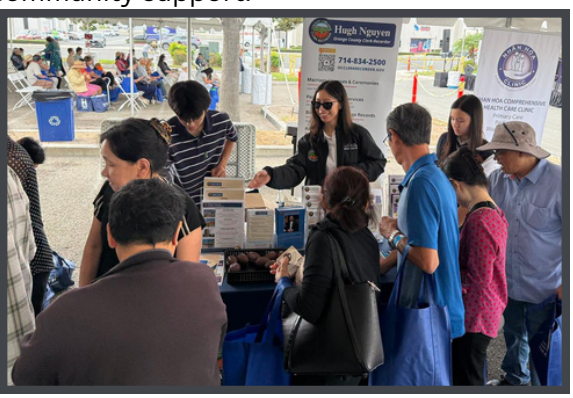


On October 3, the Clerk-Recorder department joined the Seal Goes Pink Pier Memory Walk with the City of Seal Beach and The Pink Journey Foundation.

It was a meaningful morning bringing the community together to honor loved ones, support breast cancer awareness, and connect residents with helpful County services.

Thank you to the City of Seal Beach, The Pink Journey Foundation, and everyone who stopped by our outreach booth. We appreciate the opportunity to be part of an event centered on remembrance, awareness, and community support.





On October 10, Clerk-Recorder staff and interns were in Garden Grove at the Nhan Hoa Clinic Annual Health & Wellness Fair.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to learn about vital records, fictitious business names, passport services, marriage services and more. Our dedicated team is here to answer your questions! We look forward to assisting everyone at our offices.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy fall season Thank you to Nhan Hoa Clinic for organizing this meaningful event to provide resources to the community.

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On October 23, Clerk-Recorder staff participated in the 19th Annual Orange County Senior Summit, hosted by Supervisor Katrina Foley in collaboration with CalOptima Health at Aliso Viejo Ranch!

Our Orange County Clerk-Recorder team shared valuable information about our services, including our Real Property Fraud Prevention Courtesy Notice program, which helps protect seniors and homeowners from potential property fraud.

Through this program, property owners automatically receive a mailed notice when certain real estate documents are recorded against their property, helping them identify suspicious activity before it goes unnoticed.

A special thank you to the organizers for bringing our community together and providing valuable resources to Orange County seniors!

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Thank you to the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center for hosting a meaningful Día de los Muertos event this evening. On October 29, team Hugh Nguyen was grateful for the opportunity to engage with families, provide information and resources, and celebrate alongside community members during an evening of culture, connection, and remembrance.

It was our pleasure to provide the community with helpful information on how to obtain vital records, apply for new U.S. passports, and more.

A warm thank you to everyone who visited our table to learn about the OC Clerk-Recorder department!

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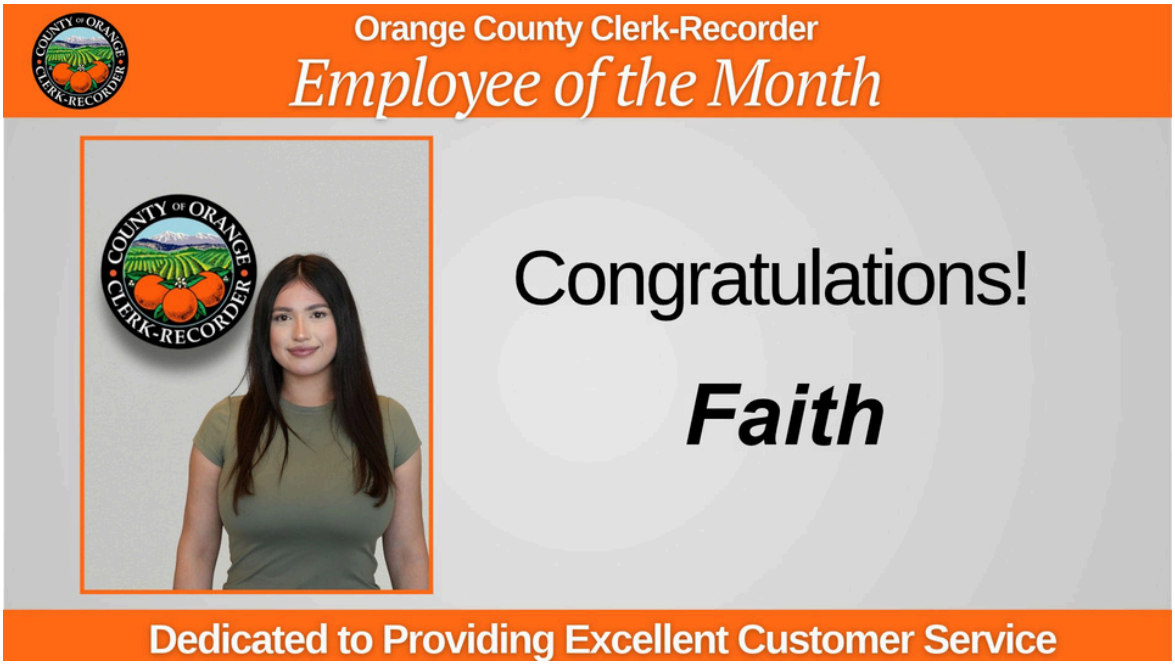


Connecting, collaborating, and building stronger community connections at CONFERENCE (X) 2026!

On October 30, Clerk-Recorder staff had a great time meeting with attendees and sharing information about Orange County Clerk-Recorder services, including Fictitious Business Name (FBN) filings, vital records, passport services, and more!

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth, asked questions, and connected with our team. We appreciate the opportunity to engage with our community and help residents learn more about the services available to them!

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 Faith Preciado as our Employee of the Month for October.

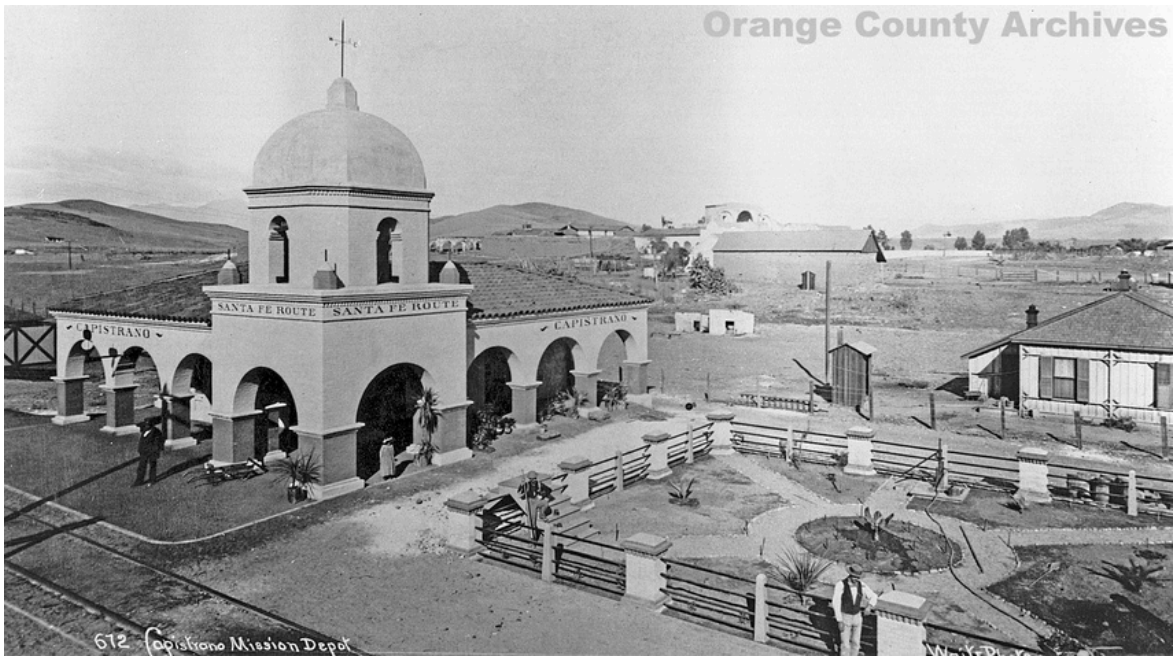
Faith's outstanding customer service skills, teamwork, dedication, and professionalism make her an invaluable member of our Recorder Operations team. She often goes beyond her regular responsibilities, stepping in wherever support is needed. She excels in every assignment from helping with phone coverage, assisting at the CSC public counters, to supporting our branch offices. Her hard work demonstrates a strong commitment to our department's success. Faith's supervisors and colleagues appreciate her reliability and know they can always count on her for help.

Faith is known for her positive demeanor, and her quality of work reflects the high standards our department strives to maintain. She is friendly, professional, and attentive in every interaction. Supervisors are pleased to receive frequent positive customer feedback praising Faith, highlighting the meaningful impact she has on the public's experience.

Faith's initiative and strong work ethic are tremendous assets to our department. We appreciate all she does, and we are proud to recognize her as our Employee of the Month.

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

OCTOBER IN O.C. HISTORY



The Santa Fe Train Depot in San Juan Capistrano, circa 1890s. Note the mission in the background.
(Photo courtesy Orange County Archives)

Oct. 6, 1918	Wounded and surrounded by the enemy in the Argonne, Capt. Nelson Holderman of Tustin ran headlong into enemy fire, carry two wounded men to safety. For this and other acts of heroism, he became WWI's most decorated soldier.
Oct. 8, 1894	Construction of the Santa Fe Train Depot at San Juan Capistrano was completed.
Oct. 27, 1997	A wildfire swept through Laguna Beach, leaving 232 families homeless.
Oct. 29, 1961	The first Leisure World retirement community opened in Seal Beach.
Oct. 30, 1983	Orange County International Raceway (OCIR) closed in Irvine.

Historical facts provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

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One of my staff took this photo of Bumpass Hell in Lassen Volcanic National Park.

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