CLERK-RECORDER EXPEDITES AVAILABILITY OF BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES TO THE PUBLIC

Orange County Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen would like to announce that his office can now offer certified copies of birth and death certificates to the public 30 days after the life event. Certificates needed within the first 30 days of an event can be obtained from the Health Care Agency.

Previously, copies of birth and death certificates were made available to the public at the Clerk-Recorder Department 60 days or more after an event. Individuals looking to obtain a record any sooner had to visit the Health Care Agency’s Birth and Death Registration location in Santa Ana.

The Health Care Agency is the official registrar of births and deaths in the County. The Clerk-Recorder Department is the official record keeper of the County’s vital records. This has caused confusion in the past due to an overlap in the timeline of when and where records were available. Both agencies have been working together to ensure the records are available to the public in the most timely manner.

“These are important documents and people need them fast for several reasons,” Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen said. “I’m very pleased that we have streamlined this process and that the public can now get these records sooner at several of the Clerk-Recorder Department’s convenient locations throughout the County.”

Birth and Death certificates can be obtained from the Clerk-Recorder Department 30 days after the life event by mail and in person at the department’s three convenient locations. The department’s branch office in North County is at 201 N. Harbor Blvd., in Fullerton. The Central County office is at 12 Civic Center Plaza, Rm. 106, in Santa Ana. The South County branch office is at 24031 El Toro Road, Ste.150 in Laguna Hills.

For more detailed information about the services available at each of the department’s locations, please visit us at www.ocrecorder.com.

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